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**TRUTH ABOUT PEIPING'S
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Japanese Unable To Persuade Chinese To Cooperate

**CHINESE
LEAVING
FORMOSA**

Taihoku, To-day.

The Chinese Consul is reported to be leaving for China, via Hong Kong, in the Hakone Maru tomorrow, accompanied by the members of his staff and a number of Chinese residents in Formosa.—Our Own Correspondent.

**2,000-MILE IRON
RING ALONG
MANCHU BORDER**

A two-thousand mile line of frontier fortifications is being constructed by the Soviet Far East Army, parallel with and beyond the Manchukuo border, the "China Mail" learns.

Starting in the Lake Baikal region, Russia's iron guard, rapidly nearing completion, runs south-east to the Manchukuo border and then along the Amur River and the Korean border to Vladivostok.

According to reports from Moscow, these steps are being taken "in order to protect discoveries of rich oil deposits stretching from Lake Baikal to the Pacific."

NEW MILITARY ROAD

Although inside already strongly-fortified Russian territory, this new-found oil area is within a day's striking distance of the Manchukuo frontier.

Its discovery means the revision of Russian tactical plans based on a strategical retreat from the frontier into the Siberian hinterland in the event of a Japanese attack launched from Manchukuo.

New military roads from Lake Baikal to the Amur River have also been completed.

**Foreign Observer
Sceptical Of
Success**

Berlin, To-day.

The present situation in that part of North China under Japanese occupation, and the ineffectiveness of the Japanese puppet "provisional government" at Peiping, are described by the Peiping correspondent of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung."

The correspondent declares that normal conditions have by no means been restored in North China by the Japanese, that the country is not fully under Japanese control and that the new "government" to the great disappointment of the Japanese, has not been able to secure the co-operation of leading Chinese and is facing great difficulties.

Life is being made extremely unpleasant for the Japanese troops by Chinese volunteers and guerilla bands, and although the cold weather has aided the operations of Japanese mechanised units, the approach of the thaw will undoubtedly increase the difficulty of their problems.

LITTLE ACHIEVED

The correspondent presumes that the Japanese will confine their advance to the regions bordering on the main highways until May or June, in order to be able to hold these vitally important roadways.

"Generally speaking, little has been accomplished," he declares, "and complete military occupation of the territory would require more troops than are at the disposal of the Japanese on the mainland of China, and Japan may be compelled to bring fresh troops from home."

Japan's hopes are placed in political development, for which the "provisional government" is intended to be the directing force, but these hopes must be regarded with a high degree of scepticism, since the "government" is by no means an established fact.

CHINESE REFUSALS

The Japanese thus far have found

it impossible to find Chinese who are willing to accept office in the new "government," since not only does every Chinese who lends his name to the Japanese endeavour realise that a nationalist bullet awaits him, but also all Chinese of distinction refuse to accept a posi-

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**HUGE BOMBS
DROPPED IN
SHEK PI REGION**

Canton, 1.10 p.m. To-day.

A foreigner telephones Reuter that eight Japanese planes have just dropped more than ten bombs in the vicinity of the airfield and Shekpi, north of Tungshan.

The bombs fell with a deafening explosion, shattering houses and rattling windows of houses throughout Tungshan.

The Italian Consulate on the outskirts of Tungshan now has a large crack in the wall. From the roof of the Italian Consulate it can be seen that one, or probably two, fires have broken out.

A.A. GUNS IN ACTION

The foreigner adds that this was the severest raid in several months.

Anti-aircraft guns thundered into action, white puffs of smoke breaking in the clear blue sky all round the raiding planes, but no hits were registered.

Since most of the bombs fell in the country, it is believed that the damage was only very slight and no casualties are expected.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON CHANGSHA

Hankow, To-day.

A severe bombing raid was carried out by Japanese planes in Changsha this morning, the aerodrome being the principal objective.

Details are not known, but a report coming through states that a huge column of smoke is to be seen in the vicinity of the aerodrome.—Our Own Correspondent.

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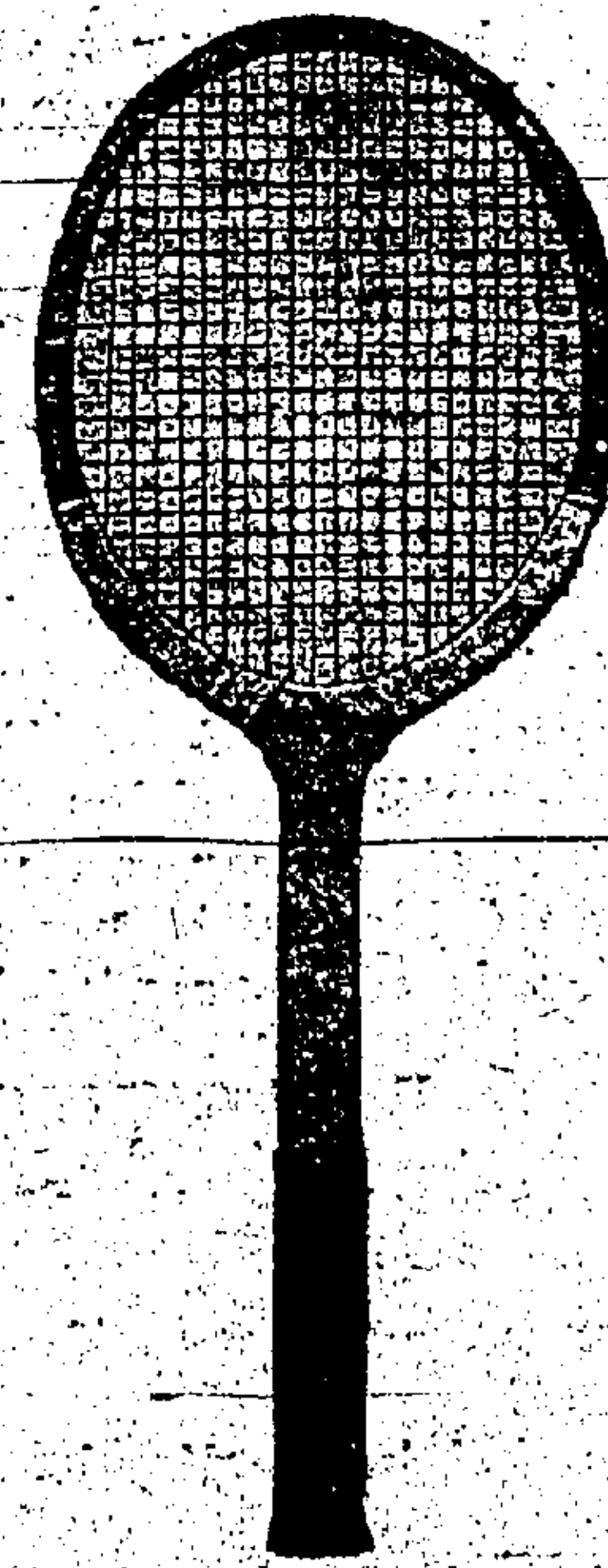
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Can A Hard-Boiled Fascist Live On Soft-Boiled Eggs

WE have not heard lately much about that "back-to-the-kitchen" movement which most of the dictators have decreed for their women. Whether that means that all women are by now back to the kitchen and that nothing more can be said about it, or that the movement has had its well-deserved ending: failure—I don't know. I have a suspicion that my second guess is right. The dictators must have discovered that not every woman can be sent back to the kitchen and that, in fact, there are quite a number who, for the sake of all concerned, are better kept out of the kitchen at all costs. After all, how can a hard-boiled fascist live only on soft-boiled eggs?

But, joking aside, there is a serious side to the question. The question that must often be asked by many women and not only out in dictator-ridden countries. And bring up often by women whose inclination is to be a good housewife and mother. What should a woman do who is left a widow with children to find some-thing first of all for the pots to boil is a full-time job. Such a problem is grave even at home, but it is still graver in Colonial dependencies like Hong Kong, where behind the woman there is no such experience which can be turned to profit, but perhaps only some ten to fifteen years of easy living. The usual last straw, to become a sales-lady, is not always available, and to make suggestions is useless, because individual considerations must be taken into account. But, possibly, the story of Madame Duport will serve to many as an inspiration.

Madame Duport is the charming and efficient lady who has come to Hong Kong with the Tonkinese Exhibition of Art as the representative of the Indo-China Government. She is attached to the Hanoi Museum of Economics, an institution founded to foster the development of all industrial and intellectual resources of the country. In her capacity as an organiser, Madame de Port has to travel very often and her chief duty is to look after the artists and craftsmen in whom the Government of Indo-China takes a great interest. Madame Duport's husband was a scientist in the truest sense of the word. A man who found his pleasure in his work and not in the accumulation of wealth. So, when he died some fifteen years ago, she had to take care of herself and her two children.

She obtained work with the Museum of Economics and though she had had no sort of training to fit her for an important appointment, in a few years time she had worked her way up to her present responsible position, purely by the simple method of taking an interest in her new work and by learning.

Her work requires organising and business acumen, but what is at least equally important, a theoretical knowledge of the different crafts and their processes. She could acquire that by seeing the craftsmen at work and by keeping her eyes open, and it was surely not difficult for her to



Madame Duport provides an answer to the back-to-the-kitchen movement.

work up an interest in her new occupation, because she had always a similar interest in her husband's entomological work.

The conclusion I am inclined to draw from Madame Duport's case is, that it often pays, directly or indirectly, to take an interest in your husband's work. You might like it yourself and become a real help-mate to him, or at least acquire a genuine interest which might some day be very useful to you.

"Do try this apple batter. Here's the recipe: Make a thin batter in the usual way. Grease a baking dish and pour in half of the batter. Cover this with a thick layer of sliced apples (raw), sprinkle with sugar and currants, and pour in the other half of the batter. Bake in a hot oven for twenty-five minutes."

"Instead of cutting across the stalk of a cauliflower when ready for cooking, take a pointed knife or apple corer and scoop out a deep hole in the stalk. Then your cauliflower will boil and leave saucepan without breaking."

"When washing watercress add a little vinegar to the water and stir for a few moments. It will be found that the seeds and other waste matter quickly sink to the bottom, leaving the watercress clean and fresh, ready for the table."

These Recipes Will Establish Your Reputation

Everybody likes rice when it is well cooked. And that's the catch. "Well cooked" means tender, fluffy grains that stand alone — no clinging together in a sticky mass, if you please. I don't know what good Samaritan thought up the rice ball, but I do know it's one of the easiest ways to boost one's reputation as a cook.

Put 1 cup of rice (white or brown) into a bowl. Wash by letting water pour through the rice until the water runs clear. Add 1 teaspoon of salt for each quart of water. Boil white rice about 20 minutes or until the kernels are tender. If in doubt, press grains between thumb and fore-finger to test their softness. Makes four cups cooked rice.

1 onion, sliced.
2 tablespoons parsley, chopped.
4 cups okra, cut crosswise.
Bay leaf or celery seed, if desired.
1 green pepper, chopped fine.
1 teaspoon salt.
Few grains pepper.
Cooked rice.
½ cup celery, cut in pieces.
Cook the ham and beef in a little fat until brown. Add the parsley, onion, green pepper, and celery. Cook mixture for few minutes and add water and tomatoes. Cover the pan and simmer until the meat is almost tender. Then add the okra, pepper, salt, and bay leaf or celery seed if desired, and simmer uncovered until the okra is tender and the stew has thickened. Shape a border of rice on a large platter and fill centre with the stew. Serves 8.

RICE CUTLETS

2 cups cooked rice.
1 teaspoon salt.
1 egg.
1 cup booked carrot pulp.
1 tablespoon onion, minced.
1 tablespoon milk.
Few grains pepper.
1 teaspoon chopped parsley.
¼ cup bread crumbs.
Mixed cooked rice, carrot pulp, minced onion, pepper, salt, egg, and milk together. Form into even-sized balls and shape into cutlets. Roll in bread crumbs and let stand 5 minutes. Fry the cutlets in a little fat until a golden brown on both sides. Arrange on a hot plate and sprinkle with parsley. Serve with apple or currant jelly.

RICE GUMBO

¾ pound ham, diced.
2 cups water.
4 cups tomatoes (fresh or canned).
1 pound beef, diced.

RICE URUGUAYEN

3 medium-sized carrots 1½ cup water
2 medium-sized onions
1 pound round steak, minced
1 teaspoon salt Few grains pepper
1 cup uncooked rice
1 small clove garlic
½ tablespoon chopped parsley
Cut carrots and onions in fine pieces. Brown steak in a little fat and add carrots, onions, rice, water, salt, pepper, garlic, and parsley and cook slowly 45 minutes to 1 hour. Add more water as needed. Serves 6.

RICE MONTCLAIR

2 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
2 cups milk 4 tablespoons fat
½ cup peanuts, chopped
4 tablespoons flour 1 teaspoon salt
½ cup cheese, grated
2 tablespoons pimiento, chopped
3 cups cooked rice
Cook green pepper in fat until

soft. Add flour, salt, and milk gradually. Cook until thick, stirring constantly, and then add the peanuts, cheese, and pimiento. Pour this sauce over the hot rice. Garnish with parsley and sliced hard-cooked eggs. Serves 6.

FROZEN RICE

2 cups milk, 1 cup cooked rice
2 egg yolks
2 cups crushed pineapple
½ cup sugar, 1 cup cream, whipped
½ teaspoon salt
Scald milk in upper part of double boiler; pour it over egg yolks and sugar beaten together. Return to the double boiler and cook, stirring constantly until mixture coats the spoon. Add rice and pineapple. Chill. Fold in the whipped cream and salt. Pour into the freezing tray of a mechanical refrigerator or pour into a mold and pack in equal parts of ice and salt for 3 to 4 hours. Unmould and serve plain or with crushed or sliced pineapple.

Live Alone— AND LIKE IT!

If you have lived alone for a long time you will have your own scheme of living.

But for the benefit of those who are new at this particular game of solitaire, we will begin at the beginning.

This business of making your own life may sound dreary—but it really isn't. You can have a grand time doing it.

To be sure, you will have nobody to make a fuss over you when you are tired, but you will also have nobody to expect you to make a fuss over him, when you are tired.

You will have no one to be responsible for your bills—and also no one to be responsible to for your bills.

You will be able to eat what, when, and where you please, even dinner served on a tray on the living-room couch—one of the higher forms of enjoyment which the masculine mind has not yet learned to appreciate.

It may seem difficult at first—especially if the move wasn't your idea anyway. A great many people take this step after a death, divorce

By Marjorie Hillis

or some rearrangement of relationships that seems like a catastrophe.

They are pretty sure to feel a little sorry for themselves. This is only human.

Everybody feels sorry for herself (to say nothing of himself) now and then. But anyone who pities herself for more than a month on end is weak and likely to become a public nuisance.

We know one business woman who 40 years ago would have been described as a maiden lady and who, during the vacations, weekends, and evenings incidental to 20 years in an office, has managed to shoot in Scotland, bathe at Juan-les-Pins, cross the Andes, see the races at Saratoga, go to most of the best plays in New York, and keep her figure.

"I'm naturally lazy," she says, "but I get around some, because I'm not going to be a Maiden Aunt."

"I intend to go out just as often as anyone in my family, if not a little bit oftener. And what's more, I intend to go just a little bit farther."

We don't know just how far she does go, but we have never heard her referred to as a Maiden Lady.

You have probably noticed that the lady of your acquaintance who thinks of herself as a duchess may cause a good many laughs, but



usually, in the main, is treated like a duchess—in so far, at least, as her friends know how a duchess should be treated.

With this in mind, you can figure out for yourself just what you'll become with a mental picture of "Poor little me, all alone in a big bad world."

If you are in the habit of thinking of yourself as a widow or a spinster, this, too, is something to get over as speedily as possible.

A woman is now a woman, just as a man is a man, and expected to stand on her own feet, as he (supposedly) stands on his.

Never, never, never let yourself feel that anybody ought to do anything for you. Once you become a duty you also be come a nuisance.

Be surprised and pleased, if you like, at gifts, invitations, and other attentions. Or, better still, take them casually.

Remember that nothing is so damaging to self-esteem as waiting for a telephone or door-bell that doesn't ring.

As a matter of fact, you will probably have to muffle both door-bell and telephone if you can put yourself over as a gay, interesting

and up-to-date person. Anyone can, if she has sufficient determination.

Every woman should have a smattering of knowledge about practically everything. The half-dozen things you may have time to know thoroughly (if you're very ambitious) will amuse and broaden you and make you a better talker, but they will not make you a better companion, which involves being a good listener.

No one can be in the know about most of the current goings-on without feeling that she is, after all, a pretty smart person.

It takes a genius to make an impression in run-down heels and an unbecoming hat. You need good clothes and grooming—unless, of course, you think of yourself as a more planning in a small establishment than in a large one.

Don't think that your establishment is too simple even for this. You can get over any embarrassment you may feel in this respect by entertaining, first, guests who are in the same fix as you—or worse. Preferably worse.

Now the case of Miss J. This is a sad story of a young woman who sees herself as a martyr and who has never noticed that she is a terrible bore to everyone else.

Miss J. always gets the small end of everything and the worst seat on the bus. Just try to give her anything else!

She lives all alone, which is some-

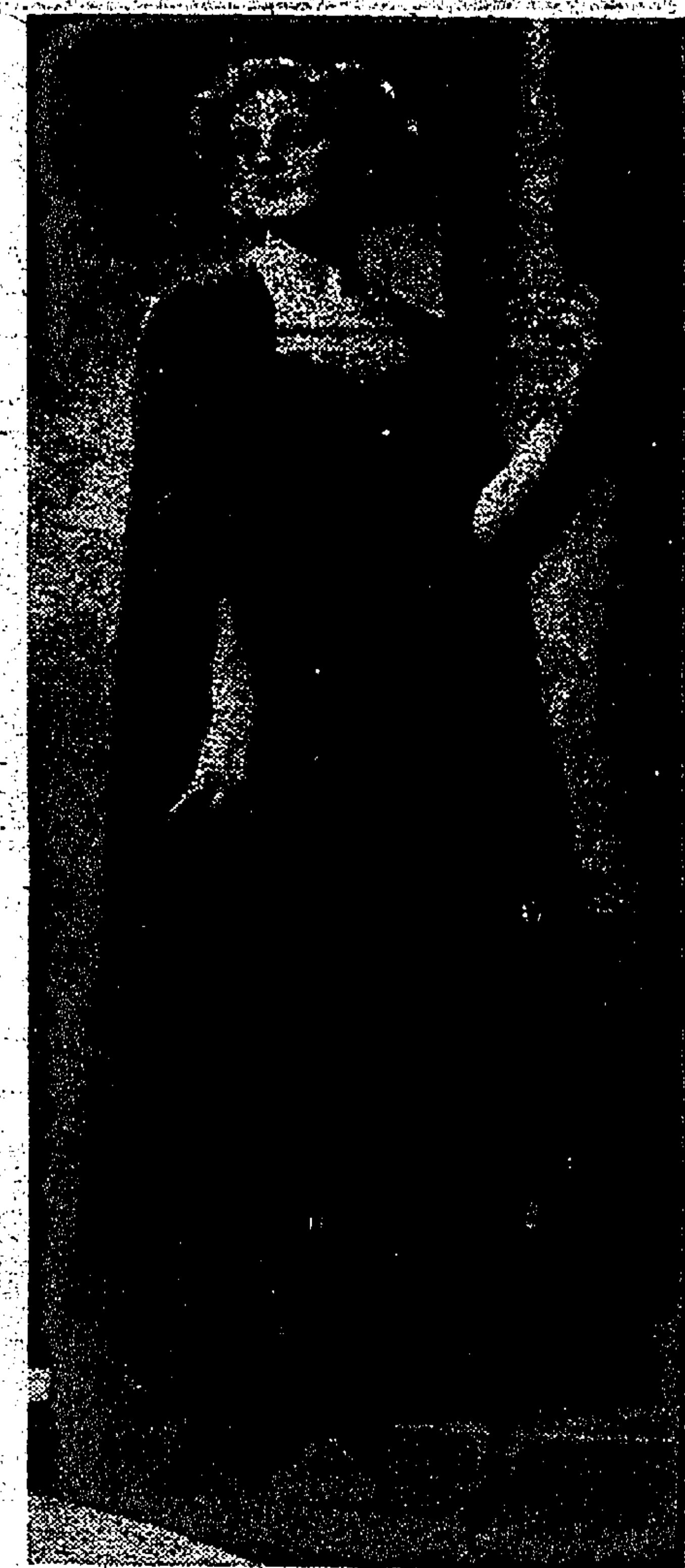


"It takes a genius to make an impression in an unbecoming hat."

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how dreadfully pathetic in Miss J's case, though rather pleasant in others.

She has a passion for the past and lives surrounded by an aura of virtue and relics of the days when her mother was alive.

She seems to be in chronic mourning for all the relatives who have died within her memory and in a state of chronic resentment over the neglect of all those who haven't died.

We don't blame the relatives and we would enjoy giving Miss J. and her house a thorough airing.



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Laid-Up Ships In Harbour To Be Used As Godowns

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

A new use has been found for certain Chinese merchant vessels, lying idle in the harbour owing to hostilities between China and Japan. They have been converted into godowns.

SOON, IF THE PRESENT CRISIS CONTINUES, OTHERS OF THE SHIPS WILL BE TURNED INTO "FLOATING HOTELS," ACCORDING TO A SCHEME WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY CHINESE SHIPPING COMPANIES.

As a result of the blockade of the China coast by the Japanese Navy, many merchant vessels flying the Chinese flag have been forced to take refuge in Hong Kong harbour.

Several of these ships have since changed ownership, having been sold to foreign concerns. But there are still over 30 Chinese ships tied up idle in the harbour.

FIVE SHIPS

With expense accounts accumulating day after day, the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company recently decided to convert their five vessels into godowns and other companies are following the example.

Five vessels which are now being used for storage purposes are the s.s. Hai Hang, s.s. Hai Yuan, s.s. Hai Lee, s.s. Hai Chen and the s.s. Hai Yun.

Plans for the use of other ships to house refugees are now under consideration as a private enterprise.

BUS COMPANY SUED: SEQUEL TO ACCIDENT

The China Motor Bus Company, Limited, figured as defendant in an action in the Summary Court before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, this morning, when Ho Yat-yu, dentist, claimed a sum of \$450 for damage caused when a motor-bus, owned by defendant company, crashed into plaintiff's premises at No. 143, Queen's Road East, on October 27 last.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented plaintiff, while Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the bus company.

It was alleged that the vehicle skidded, mounted the pavement and crashed into the building occupied by plaintiff damaging dentistry implements and materials belonging to plaintiff.

The crash, it was alleged, was a result of the vehicle going at an excessive speed, and running over certain heaps of granite chips which were in the centre of the road. It was alleged by counsel that there was sufficient space on the road for the driver of the bus to have avoided the granite chips, and that it was through negligent driving that the accident occurred.

The case is continuing.

DUMPED BODIES

Over 27 dead bodies have been removed to the public mortuaries by the Police during the last 24 hours. Of these 20 were found in Hong Kong. A number were small pox cases.

LABOUR DEPUTATION ON BOYCOTT

London, To-day.

A deputation from the National Council of Labour, which is to call on the Prime Minister regarding boycott of Japanese goods, is visiting No. 10, Downing Street this afternoon.—Reuter.

\$8,000 OF JEWEL LOSS RECOVERED: MAN ARRESTED

As the result of a careful watch on all wharves and an extensive search of Chinese hotels and boarding houses, property valued at \$8,000, of the jewellery stolen from No. 137, Caine Road yesterday has been recovered.

Early this morning Inspector Kirby and Detective-Sergeant Dowman arrested a man said to be a nephew of the complainant, hiding in a closet in the Eastern Hotel with the booty.

A diamond ring valued at \$2,000 which had been handed over to a confederate is still missing, but the police are hopeful of soon getting the other man and the ring.

The man will be charged to-morrow at the Central Magistracy.

ALLEGED ARREST WITH REVOLVER

Chan Wai-sang, aged 40, was to-day charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest with possession of a revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition on the Yuen On Wharf yesterday.

Mr. Hin Shing-Lo was for defendant and Inspector M. Murphy was in charge of the case. When Mr. Lo applied for bail Mr. Murphy objected, but Mr. Forrest fixed bail at \$10,000.

The case was adjourned for a week.

MODERATE, FAIR

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific to the south east of Japan.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fair.

St. John Ambulance Brigade are placing a vaccination squad at the Upper Level Peak Tram Station to-morrow.

KAIZO EDITOR'S SUB- PENCHANT FOR MIS-UNDERSTANDING

Tokyo, To-day.

The interview granted recently by General Matsui, Japanese commander-in-chief in Central China, to the editor of the monthly publication "Kaizo," has prompted the Japanese Government to issue an official statement.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office declared yesterday that General Matsui's remarks were completely misquoted by the editor of the magazine, who, the spokesman recalled, also misquoted the recent statement of the Japanese Home Minister, Admiral Suetsugu.

WELSH VILLAGE MENACED BY CRACK IN DAM

London, To-day.

A village in South Wales panicked yesterday when it was reported that the reservoir situated above the village was in danger of bursting.

A crack was discovered in the dam of the reservoir during the week-end, and the route of a possible flood mapped out showed the village in its direct path.

Villagers were told to leave their premises but later the panic died down.

Consulting engineers arrived from London later and steps are now being taken to empty the reservoir as quickly as possible. —Reuter.

CONFERENCE OF POWERS SUGGESTED

London, To-day.

Discussing the Van Zeeland Report which, as previously stated, is to be published next week, the newspapers in London assert that a conference of Powers may take place in London early in the summer.

According to the press, the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, intends to propose the convocation of such a conference.

The agenda of the conference, according to the paper, will include the conclusion of the twenty years non-aggression pact for Western Europe which is to be linked with the economic agreement and the agreement for an armament holiday.

The conference will, moreover, discuss "practical reform" of the League of Nations and revision of certain clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, it is asserted. —Trans-Ocean.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" leaves Shanghai for Hong Kong to-day at 2.30 p.m.

The editor of "Kaizo" had asserted that General Matsui had declared: "I neither received nor expected instructions from Tokyo."

The Foreign Office spokesman said that this remark "was not compatible with the actual facts of the situation," and that it was "extremely probable" that the editor had "misunderstood" Gen. Matsui, since the latter naturally receives orders from Tokyo although he is competent to decide local matters in the territory under his command. —Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH MARINES LAND AT WEIHAIWEI

London, To-day.

British marines were landed at Weihaiwei, in the province of Shantung, yesterday morning following an outbreak of serious disorders in that city which is now in the hands of Chinese irregulars, according to reports received in London.

The landing of marines was considered necessary since the lives and property of foreigners living in the Chinese port were endangered by the disorders.

Messages from Shanghai state that the Japanese landed troops at Weihaiwei and that heavy fighting is now in progress outside the city.

Weihaiwei, it will be recalled, was formerly a British possession but was returned to the Chinese in 1930. The harbour of Weihaiwei, however, is still being used by British warships in the Far East as a base during the summer. —Trans-Ocean.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE CONGRATULATED

London, To-day.

Mr. Lloyd George and Dame Margaret Lloyd George, who celebrated their golden wedding yesterday at Cap d'Antibes received a telegram from the King and Queen in which Their Majesties sent warmest congratulations to them and expressed the hope that they would both have many years of happiness. Messages poured in from all parts of the world but in particularly large numbers from Wales. —British Wireless.

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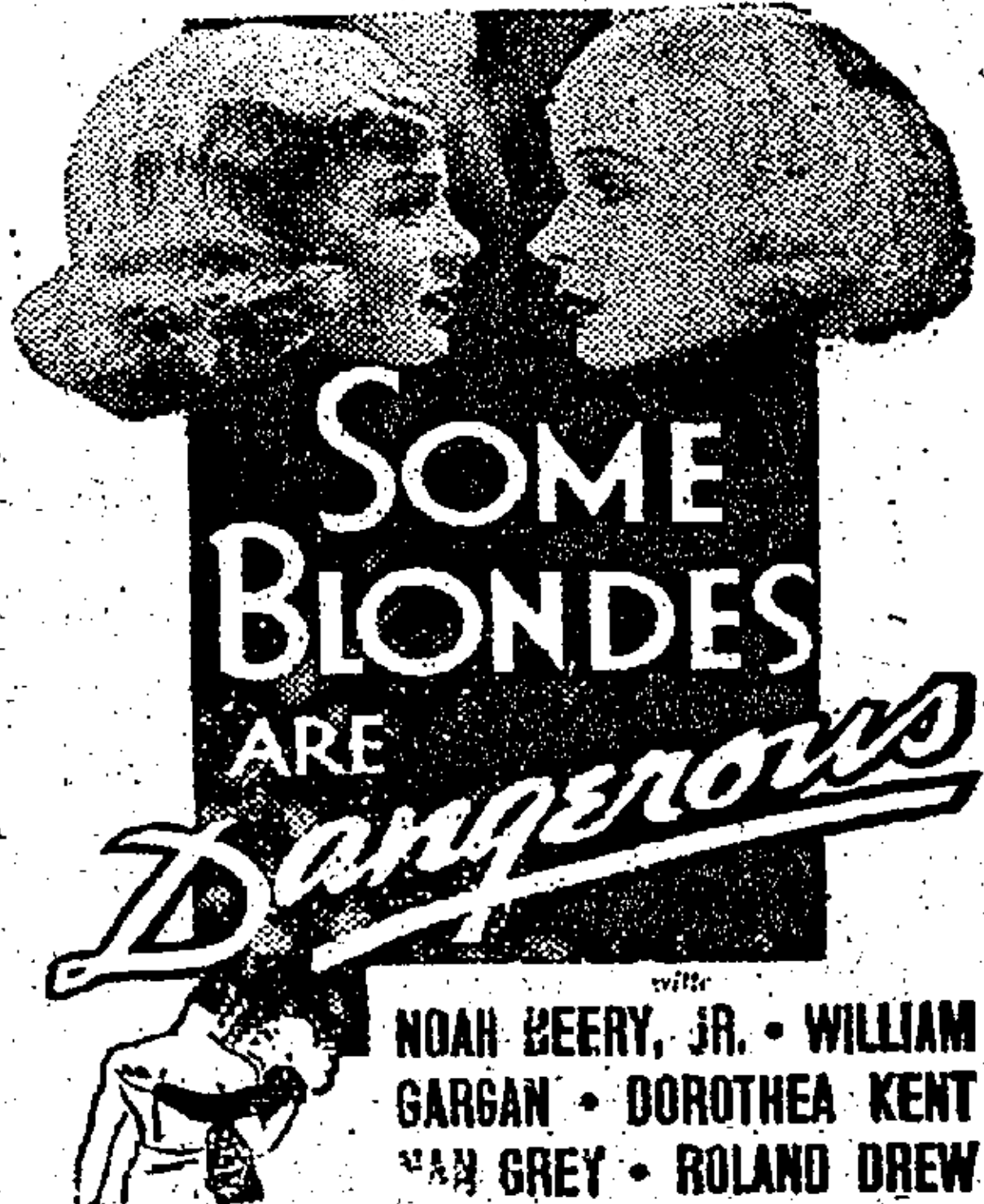
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GERMAN PROFESSOR AND CHINESE TENACITY

Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Albert Hermann, professor of Berlin University and compiler of the well-known economic atlas of China, addressed the German Geographical Society last night on the "Foundations of Chinese Economy and Politics."

British Gas Precautions Are Safe

Vigorous and intensive gas attacks on a gamekeeper's cottage "somewhere in England" have proved that measures recommended to the civil population for counteracting enemy poison-gas peril give a high standard of protection.

The experiments were purposely designed to represent the most severe conditions likely to be met.

Gas attacks were made under the direction of eminent scientists. They proved that during a gas attack you will be out of danger if you—

- (1) Go indoors;
- (2) Arrange for the room to be made as gas-proof as possible;
- (3) Take with you the respirator which will have been issued to you.

Those are the instructions issued by the Air Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office.

GAS CLOUD FOR 40 MINUTES

A report describes experiments to test these precautions.

The Chemical Defence Research Department carried out the tests with four different types of actual war gas.

In one experiment more than a ton of actual chlorine gas was released twenty yards from the house. A very strong gas cloud was maintained for about forty minutes.

Occupants of the unprotected room had to put on respirators

Dr. Hermann said that China's eighteen provinces formed one indivisible economic unit, with so many features in common that they could not be conceived of except as one united state administered by one united economic authority.

He expressed faith in China's future. The tenacious vitality of the Chinese people had in 4,000 years always enabled them to overcome whatever adversity had overtaken them.

This vitality and respect for law, anchored in the moral teachings of Confucius and in ancestor worship, would always be the immutable basis of Chinese policy.—Trans-Ocean.

after seven minutes.

In another experiment the house was enveloped in a cloud of mustard gas for an hour.

Animals remained in an unprotected room for a further twenty hours while the house was subjected to the vapour of mustard gas given off from trays. None was seriously harmed.

TWO TONS OF CHLORINE

Tear gas in a third experiment enveloped the cottage for an hour. Men 200 yards downwind were incapacitated in about a minute; men in the house found no need to put on their respirators for thirteen minutes.

Experiments were then carried out after the cottage had been treated by unskilled men in accordance with the Air Raid Precautions Handbook No. 1.

Within an hour two tons of chlorine were released twenty yards from the house. Animals in an unprotected room were killed but animals in the "gas protected" room were unaffected and remained normal.

BRITAIN ALLEGED TO BE PREPARED FOR LEAGUE EMASCULATION

London, To-day.

Important decisions by the British Cabinet regarding the future of the League of Nations, are imminent, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Express."

According to the correspondent, the British Government envisages separation of the League Covenant from the Treaty of Versailles, abolition of Sanctions and restriction of the League's activities to mediation and economic questions.

The British Government hopes, says the correspondent, that reform of the League along these lines will result in return of the Powers which have quit the Geneva body.—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONSULTATIONS

London, To-day.

It is learned that the British Foreign Secretary and the French Foreign Minister will discuss in Paris to-day the general lines of policy to be pursued at the League Council meeting.

It is understood that there is no likelihood of a joint Anglo-French declaration in regard to the future of the League.

The question of reform of the League is still being discussed by the committee of the League to which any proposals will first be referred.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN LEAVES

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, left for Paris, en route to Geneva, yesterday.

In Paris to-day he will meet the French Foreign Minister to discuss the forthcoming League Council meeting, and is expected to return to London from Geneva on Saturday.—Trans-Ocean.

SANJAK ISSUE

London, To-day.

Franco-Turkish negotiations on the Sanjak of Alexandretta will play a part in the forthcoming talks at Geneva, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Evening Standard."

The correspondent says that the anti-Semitic policy of the new Rumanian Government will also be discussed by Mr. Anthony Eden and M. Yvon Delbos, following demands of League intervention.—Trans-Ocean.

"TREASURE" SHIP AT GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar, To-day.

A Chinese "treasure ship," alleged to have \$2,000,000 in Chinese silver coins on board, arrived here yesterday en route to England.

Considerable mystery surrounds "treasure" of the ship, the P. and O. liner Ranpura, and the agents refuse to reveal information of the shipment.—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-U.S. CONTACT TO COME UNDER FIRE

Washington, To-day.

A White House announcement that President Roosevelt's naval message is not ready and will not be sent to Congress until the end of the week or the beginning of next week, has occasioned reports that pending clarification of the intentions of other powers, notably Japan and Britain, the Administration is not entirely satisfied in regard to the size of battleships it should recommend.

There also appears to be some nervousness on the part of the Administration in regard to reception by Congress of what amounts to a rearmament programme of the War Department, which is also making last minute efforts to obtain an increase in recommendations for the army.

SNIPING EXPECTED

It is understood that President Roosevelt paved the way for acceptance of his programme by Congress in a talk with Congressional leaders yesterday, but it is expected that when the naval increases come up for debate in Congress, the isolationists will subject the Administration's foreign policy to considerable sniping, particularly in regard to the Far East.

Extreme opposition is not expected, and the naval increases will probably be accepted as they stand, but the isolationists will press for a clear statement in regard to what menace particularly makes building necessary.

LIVELY DEBATES

Lively foreign affairs debates are expected to follow the President's Message, and Anglo-American contacts in the Far East are expected to come particularly under review.—Reuter.

LORD CECIL OF CHELWOOD CALLS FOR BOYCOTT OF JAPAN

Peace Organisations Take Preliminary Steps

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO MEET IN LONDON

London, To-day.

A resolution welcoming the movement for the boycott of Japanese goods, and expressing the hope that there still be an extension of the boycott sufficient to convince the British Government of the strength of public opinion on the question, was moved by Lord Cecil, speaking last night at Hanley, Staffordshire.

Lord Cecil said that the League of Nations Union and the International Peace Campaign had taken preliminary steps in support of a Japanese boycott, and he hoped that an international conference would meet in London on February 12 at which the Union would urge adoption of similar measures in as many countries as possible.

Referring to attacks on the League by Italy and Germany, Lord Cecil warned the small Powers of the danger of abandoning the League.

"Let them consider carefully the recent international history of those countries who are wooing them so assiduously.

"Is it not certain that as soon as they have served the turn of those seeking their support, they will be abandoned?"—Reuter.

MIDSUMMER IN ENGLAND: GALES IN SCOTLAND

London, To-day.

Perfectly fine weather and lovely sunshine, like the best days of midsummer, greeted London yesterday.

During the week-end the weather was also fine, and many cyclists took advantage of conditions to spend the day out in the country.

In Scotland, a gale swept the country.

At Lossiemouth, home town of the late Ramsay MacDonald, the roof of the school was blown off and landed on the playground with the frame still intact.

Fortunately none of the children was injured.—Reuter.

U.S. TARIFF REDUCTIONS TO BRITAIN

Washington, To-day.

A supplementary list of fifty products on which the United States will consider the granting of tariff reductions to Britain, is issued by the State Department.

It is added that no further reductions will be made in any import duty which has already been reduced 50 per cent. under previous authority of the Trade Agreements Act.—Reuter.

ITALY— LOSING ENTHUSIASM

Rome, To-day.

Enthusiasm for Japanese victories in China begins to be tempered by a perception of the permanent damage the war is likely to do to Italian trade.

Especially does this apply to export of artificial silk to China, formerly valued at 150,000,000 lire annually.—Reuter.

ARAB HOLD-UP IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

A motor bus, packed with passengers, was held up on the Hebron-Jerusalem road yesterday by a group of Arab bandits.

The passengers were searched and then allowed to proceed, as they were all Arabs.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN AND ITALIAN OVERTURES

London, To-day.

According to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Express," Signor Mussolini notified the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, through the Italian Ambassador in London, Count Grandi, last week, that the Italian Government is now willing to enter into negotiations for improvement of Anglo-Italian relations.

Mr. Eden, according to the correspondent, has intimated that the British Government is prepared to enter into parleys and to send Sir Robert Vansittart, Chief Diplomatic Adviser to the Foreign Secretary, to Rome only under condition that the anti-British Italian propaganda in the Near East be discontinued.

The correspondent believes that the British Government will recognise Italian sovereignty in Abyssinia if agreement on other questions is reached.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. Oliver Stanley And Anglo-American Trade Talks

London, To-day.

Speaking at Liverpool yesterday, the President of the Board of Trade referred to the negotiations for a trade treaty with the United States.

"In the next few weeks," Mr. Oliver Stanley said, "we are entering the most important phase of the negotiations for the most important trade treaty which this government, in its seven years of office, has undertaken.

"We have, in order to reach that stage, had to overcome many difficulties which have meant hard work on both sides of the Atlantic. I am told by critics that it is not going to be a trade agreement but a political agreement.

"I do not deny for one minute that any friendly intercourse with the United States or any sign to the world of any common interest and friendliness between the United States and ourselves are bound to have the highest political importance, but this is a trade treaty.

COMMERCIAL TREATY

"These negotiations are entered into on both sides because we both believe we can, in a commercial treaty, contribute to the commercial prosperity of our two countries and the world in general.

"That is what our negotiators will seek when they leave in a few days' time to go to America. They will find many difficulties in their way but I believe they will succeed and I believe it is possible for them to bring back a trade treaty which will bring benefit to this country and to the United States and which will lead to a greater flow of trade between us and be an example which may do something to lower restric-

tions on trade throughout the world."—British Wireless.

TO DEMAND INDEMNITY

Tokyo, To-day.

"The Japanese Government will demand an indemnity," declared the Foreign Minister in the Diet yesterday answering a question concerning destruction of Japanese property in China by the Chinese.—Trans-Ocean.

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THE WORLD GOES BY

TODAY you are going to learn a devil of a lot about music. I fear. It's a topical subject, and the facts I've got are good, very good.

As for their authenticity, I can only say that they are borrowed from a German expert writing in a Berlin magazine.

The first thing I didn't know about music is that in progressive countries it is being prescribed for certain disorders.

You are told to take Mozart after meals, one opus at a time. For nervous disorders the Germans have found nothing better than Beethoven's "Song of Joy" or Schubert's "Erking." "The pangs of jealousy," says the magazine,

may be assuaged by the overture to "Die Meistersinger."

Chopin, I am sorry to say, they fling to neurotics.

What we clearly don't realise here, just loafing about and reading "Eeyore," is the intimate relationship between music and health.

Too few of us are aware that music in a major key stimulates breathing. Wagner is the best at this. He has been known to increase breathing from eighteen to thirty respirations a minute, "with a corresponding rise in the pulse rate."

Music accelerates the circulation of the blood, tones up the muscles and regulates blood pressure.

Many of us must have wondered from time to time what was the good of a violin. Here is the answer.

"A person who practises about two hours a day expends as much energy as a mountain climber."

"It is conceded by many that practice on a musical instrument is superior to massage for those recovering from accidents or bacterial infections."

The Trombone Cure for Typhoid, hitherto scarcely known in Hong Kong, may well become one of my most famous achievements if I care to follow up the idea.

Were you puzzled last time your uncle sang that sad Irish number at a

BY "ULYSSES"

strange numb feeling that seemed to envelop you?

The scientific explanation makes it all clear. Cheerful music, the tra-la-la stuff, "increases the lifting power of muscles and also expands the blood vessels: while slow, sad music has the opposite effect."

For the sake of your blood vessels, I don't think you should let your uncle sing again.

SHOULD HUSBANDS AND WIVES HAVE SEPARATE FRIENDS?

Oh Jim, I wish you didn't go out so often in the evenings. I see so little of you these days

2 EVENINGS LATER

Sorry I can't be home for dinner darling - I've got to attend that Sports Club Committee tonight. I'll have a bite in town

NEXT MORNING

I know it's all right Jim having his own friends. Mother. It's the modern idea but it does worry me - I see so little of him

These modern theories are all very well Ann; but when I was young we'd say that a man who stayed out in the evenings usually had a dull, lifeless wife at home

THEN ANN READ A MAGAZINE ARTICLE - IT SAID:

"Too many wives feel constantly tired, listless and 'nervy.' This tells on their looks frightfully."

HEAVENS! THAT'S ME! I must see a doctor about myself

AT THE DOCTOR'S

You say you always wake tired, and feel washed out and dull, that's bound to tell on your looks. Your trouble is Night Starvation. My advice is, Horlicks at bedtime

50 HORLICKS EVERY NIGHT

AND WHAT AN IMPROVEMENT IN HOW ANN FELT AND LOOKED

6 WEEKS LATER

My goodness, the nicest place in the world is here with you, Ann, by the fireside!

Darling Jim!

THINKS: I'm glad I got rid of my tiredness thanks to Horlicks

Do you wake tired every morning? Look tired? Feel nervy?

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HORLICKS GUARDS AGAINST NIGHT STARVATION

DEATH OF MR. JOHN GARDNER

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death, which took place at the French Hospital last night, of Mr. John Gardner, of the Accounts Department of the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

Mr. Gardner, known as "Jock" to all of his many friends, was admitted to the French Hospital on December 22 and was operated upon for appendicitis the following day. Peritonitis subsequently set in.

Much sympathy will be felt for his widow, the former Miss Sybil Dalziel, to whom he was married less than a year ago.

The late Mr. Gardner, was a well-known figure in Hong Kong, having been resident here for some 17 years. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, will also be remembered by old residents.

KEEN SPORTSMAN

As a sportsman, Mr. Gardner was a member of the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Kowloon-Tong Club and the Y.M.C.A. He had, at various times, played football for the Hong Kong Football Club and hockey for the Y.M.C.A., while, although he had not recently taken an active part in the game, he has also played League badminton for the now defunct Fire Brigade team.

He was a keen Freemason, belonging to St. John and Eastern Scotia Lodges, S. C.

The late Mr. Gardner is also survived in Hong Kong by a brother, Mr. W. D. Gardner, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

The funeral will take place to-day, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

ARMED ROBBER CAUGHT

A monk, Sui Wan-tsai, was bound and gagged this morning at 7.45 at No. 4, Tai On Terrace when three robbers, two of them armed with revolvers, carried out a daring raid. The good work of a Chinese police constable, who was patrolling in the area in plain clothes and who was assisted by a district watchman, resulted in the arrest of one of the men after a struggle. The man caught was in possession of all the stolen property, which was valued at \$85, and a loaded revolver.

KING BORIS DROPS STRONG MAN FROM WAR OFFICE POST

Bulgarian Cabinet Crisis Comes To Head

Defeat Of Group Pressing For Democratic Rule

Sofia, To-day.

A Bulgarian Cabinet crisis, which has been simmering in recent months, came dramatically to a head yesterday when King Boris dropped his "strong man," General Lukov, from the post of War Minister.

In his stead, the King appointed General Daskalov, commander of the Plevno garrison, to the position of leader of the Cabinet.

Other changes were also announced, and political circles are of the opinion that the crisis, which is specially significant in view of the coming election, is not yet over.

INTERNAL RIVALRIES

It is stated that personal rivalries inside the Government, which was split into two camps, led to the decisions which represent defeat of the group which has been pressing for return of more democratic rule and restoration of the Constitution.

Apparently King Boris, at any rate for the time being, has decided to favour the status quo. — Reuter.

ITALIAN PLANES AT DAKAR

Paris, To-day.

The three Italian planes which hopped off from Rome on a flight to Brazil early yesterday morning, arrived at Dakar at 5.10 in the afternoon.

The machines flew from Rome at an average speed of 400 kilometres an hour.

Bruno Mussolini, son of Il Duce, is piloting one of the planes, the other two being in the charge of Col. Biseo and Capt. Moscatelli. — Reuter.

EGYPT'S ROYAL HONEYMOONERS

Cairo, To-day.

After a reception on Sunday evening at the Royal Palace, King Farouk and Queen Farida left for their country house where they arrived in the early hours of Monday and where they will stay for a short time.

The Royal couple had originally planned to stay in Cairo till Thursday. — Trans-Ocean.

ROYAL FAMILY TO RETURN TO LONDON

London, To-day.

According to present arrangements, the King and Queen, with Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret-Rose will return to London next Monday from Sandringham where they had been since just before Christmas. — British Wireless.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE GREEK KING

Budapest, To-day.

A plot to assassinate King George of Greece and his Prime Minister, General Metaxas, was recently discovered and the plot frustrated, says a local newspaper.

The paper alleges that author of the plot was the former president of the Greek state police, M. Polychronopoulos, who four years ago was dismissed from office for a plot on the life of the late Greek Premier, M. Venizelos.

The man intended to shoot the King and Gen. Metaxas in Athens Cathedral on January 9 at the Crown Prince's wedding.

He was arrested, the paper says, and is now interned on the island of Zante. — Trans-Ocean.

ROYAL ARTILLERY OFFICER TO WED

The forthcoming marriage between Lieutenant George Alexander Lawrence Butler, Royal Artillery, residing at the Royal Artillery Mess, Lyceum Barracks, and Miss Diana Malcolm Biscoe, of No. 15, Felix Villas, has been announced to take place in the Colony shortly.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on Thursday at 4 p.m. and goes on Friday to Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul.

Huge British Plane On First Test Flight

London, To-day.

The largest passenger plane in England, of the Ensign type, took off yesterday afternoon from Hamble, near Southampton, for its first trial flight.

The machine is the first of a series of fourteen to be built for Imperial Airways by Armstrong's.

It weighs 20 tons, is 110 feet long and has a wing span of 123 feet. Its four engines give it a speed of 200 miles an hour. — Trans-Ocean.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS OUTBREAK

Melbourne, To-day.

An epidemic of infantile paralysis has been sweeping the state of Victoria, where 1,700 cases hitherto have been recorded.

There have been 88 deaths so far. — Reuter.

JAPANESE KWANGTUNG PROPAGANDA

Canton, To-day.

The air raid alarm was sounded in Canton shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. It is surmised that the Canton-Hankow Railway is again the Japanese objective.

The raiding planes have concentrated on various sections of this line for several days past, but Canton itself is seldom affected by these raids, although planes are usually sighted from Saichuen or Tungshan en route.

According to Chinese sources, Japanese planes are alleged to have dropped a considerable number of handbills all over Kwangtung.

These are understood to be of an anti-Chiang Kai-shek nature and the strictest precautions are being taken by the authorities to prevent their circulation. — Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE TSINING

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Chinese reports received here this morning, Chinese troops on the Anhwei front are attempting to isolate Tsining and block Japanese reinforcements from the north.

Meanwhile, Japanese planes, scouting from Nanking, report a big concentration of Chinese troops at Pengpu, the first major Japanese objective from the south.

It is believed that owing to the overwhelming numerical strength of the Chinese forces, the Japanese will await still further reinforcements before undertaking a further large-scale offensive. — Reuter.

NAHAS PASHA'S MAJORITY STILL INTACT

Cairo, To-day.

Nahas Pasha, former Premier and leader of the Nationalist Party, still holds a slight majority in the Chamber.

This was revealed at a meeting last night of Wafd Members of Parliament, at which 51 were present. Twelve sent excuses but pledged their support, so that Nahas Pasha now has 63 supporters in the Senate and 73 opponents.

Of 232 members of the Chamber, 130 are still loyal to the former Premier, 112 having been present at the meeting, while 18 sent written pledges of support.

The important question of whether the Chamber will be dissolved and new elections held, has not been settled. — Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER NEWSPAPER BOMBED

Shanghai, To-day.

Another bomb was hurled into a Chinese newspaper office in Shanghai yesterday, latest sufferer being the "Su Hui Wan Pao," in the International Settlement.

The bomb, which was thrown by an unidentified Chinese, injured three persons, including a 17-year-old girl.

At the request of the Japanese authorities, the newspaper had been closed down some days previously by the S.M.C. but had attempted to resume publication. — Trans-Ocean.



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Hong Kong, Tuesday, January 25, 1938.

HIROTA SPEECH

Mr. Hirota's outline of Japanese foreign policy in the Diet on Saturday was eminently satisfactory up to the point where all of Tokyo's assurances have a habit of coming to a full stop in these troublous times. There is no specific reason for doubting Mr. Hirota's sincerity, for assuming that Japan's Foreign Minister was talking with his tongue in his cheek. There is reason to enquire whether the polite professions of the politicians will not suffer a rude shock when the military take the stage and provide their part of the performance—the action as contrasted with the words. A foreigner just arrived in the Colony, who has had an opportunity of close study of Japanese military, expresses the opinion—and it is a view which has the support of the history of Sino-Japanese hostilities and of anti-foreign incidents in which Japanese forces have been involved—that the campaign in China is for all intents and purposes in the hands of the junior officers. The question is raised, in fact, whether even the Commander-in-Chief has effective control over those extensions of the military arm which have been moved by operations out of his immediate orbit.

The answer to most of the problems in this campaign, it has been suggested, is probably to be found in that peculiar feature of the Japanese military machine which one may politely call "independent command." It has frequently been obvious that the Government does not enjoy control over the military chiefs. It has also been noted that the military chiefs in Tokyo cannot always rely on the strict obedience of the commanders of forces on the mainland of Asia. Active commanders, in the same way, are not always sure of their junior officers, who (dare one say it?) are sometimes in the same position with regard to the private soldiers. Insubordination, moreover, if only it is roughly in line with Japan's imperial destiny, is more likely to be rewarded than punished. This knowledge naturally gives confidence to ardent young patriots who wish to assassinate a civilian Prime Minister or, perhaps, blow up a British gunboat. The Nelson touch has many admirers in Japan. And when it is remem-

bered that at present Britain is least approved country in Japan and that violent propaganda against her is both permitted and encouraged by the Japanese authorities a few embarrassing incidents may be more easily explained. Mr. Hirota is, to say the least, mistaken if he believes that relations with the United States have not been damaged by the Panay Incident. And it may have been noticed that there was no pretence that Anglo-Japanese relations had not been made difficult by the Ladybird shelling among other things. Yet these incidents may have done some good. They appear to have thoroughly frightened the more moderate men in Japan, which is necessary, and they have established what flattery of America by Mr. Hirota cannot destroy—that co-operation between Britain and the United States which alone can provide a satisfactory solution to this and to many other international problems.

Pigs Happy in Death

"Sausages from pigs that die happy," said a Hampshire butcher, advertising his particular speciality. That shows so tender a regard for man's victims that even the chronic vegetarian should be induced to stray back from his greeneries to good red meat. But how did the butcher ensure that the pigs met death with a smile on their chaps and a grunt of satisfaction from their lips? Were visions of smellier smells and filthier filth conjured up for them in the heavenly sty for which they were destined? If so the machines made mince-meat of their ambitions. Or does a porky soul escape the attentions of chopper and knife, and, substituting wings for trotters, go flitting over endless troughs flowing with nectar swill? Perhaps, after all, pigs fly when they die; and only their earthly remains are enshrined in those highly seasoned lengths which so often rescue a despairing housewife from food shortage at the table.

Or it may be that the kindly butcher inspires his swine to die happy out of duty. His "Dulce et decorum est pro patria (or rather patronis) mori" would send a glow of ardour through the victim's body that would be reflected even in the streaky.

For how can pig die better than facing knife to see That we've bacon for our breakfast, and sausages for tea.

"Die and she'll adore you!" says the slayer to the sow (in the words of Pope), while thinking of the harassed housewife.

The only alternative to these suggestions is that the butcher catches his pigs napping and dispatches them in ignorance by methods which produce nothing but a pleasant sensation. A surfeit of indigestible pearls might gladden the heart even while fatally distending less romantic portions of a pig's anatomy. Something might be done with clover; or with that poke with which the purchase if not the dispatch of pigs is usually associated. And let not such murder of innocent swine be unduly deplored; for the hog, like some men, does no good until he dies. But rather, standing by his corpse or buying a little of it from the Hampshire butcher, a man might say with the rustic moralist, when complimented on a fine pig by the Rector, "Ah! if we was only, all of us, as fit to die as him!"

HEAVY SHELLFIRE FELT AT CASTLE PEAK

Japanese Cruisers Reported Bombarding Nam Tau

SOVIET GUARDS SHOT DOWN ON BORDER

Moscow, To-day.

An official statement issued last night states that a clash has occurred between Soviet and Estonian frontier guards.

The statement says that two Estonian "frontier violators" crossed over the ice on sledges into Russia and were 750 metres across the frontier in Soviet territory when they were stopped by frontier guards.

Without warning the guards were suddenly fired on by Estonian frontier guards from a distance of about 100 metres, and two were killed.

STRONG PROTEST

The Soviet Minister in Reval, says the statement, has lodged a strong protest to the Estonian Government, with the demand that those guilty be punished in exemplary manner and that an indemnification be paid to the families of the dead frontier guards.—Trans-Ocean.

REUTERS STORY

Moscow, To-day.

Exemplary punishment of the guilty and appropriate compensation for the victims' families are demanded in a strong Soviet diplomatic protest to the Estonian Government, following a frontier incident near Lake Peipus.

Soviet version of the incident is that two Soviet frontier guards found a party of Estonians, who had crossed the frontier, one and a half miles into Soviet territory.

While guards were pursuing the trespassers, Estonian guards from Estonian territory fired at the guards, killing both.

As the incident only occurred yesterday, the diplomatic action is unusually swift.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON CHINESE TERRITORY JUST BEYOND BORDER

The whole of the north-western corner of the New Territories, in the Castle Peak and Deep Bay districts, was shaking this morning to the concussion of heavy shellfire or bombing in nearby Chinese territory.

While no authoritative information was available at the time of going to press, the shelling was believed to be taking place in the vicinity of Nam Tau, the peninsula on the Chinese side of Deep Bay.

The nature of the bombardment, the "China Mail" was informed, was suggestive rather of heavy shell-fire by naval craft, lying off Nam Tau rather than of bombing by aircraft.

The sound was distinctly audible at Castle Peak, commencing at about 10.10 a.m. and continuing for some time afterwards.

It is understood from other sources that two Japanese cruisers were seen earlier in the morning in the vicinity.

The shelling of Chinese territory beyond Castle Peak has stopped, according to a report from the New Territories.

It is established that the bombardment was carried out by cruisers and not from planes.

M. LITVINOFF GOING TO GENEVA

Geneva, To-day.

The Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinoff, will represent the Kremlin at the League Council meeting.

M. Litvinoff had originally decided not to attend the meeting.—Trans-Ocean.

Tokyo Minister's Speeches Taken With Salt

London, To-day.

The newspapers give great prominence to Mr. Koki Hirota's speech in the Diet, most of them reporting it verbatim.

The Japanese Foreign Minister is personally respected, but the general feeling, as described by one critic, is that the Japanese army invents its policy in China as it goes along.

The "News Chronicle" says that "The Western nations may be excused for taking the Japanese Ministers' speeches with a pinch of salt."

"The actions of the Japanese forces in China speak louder than the words of Mr. Hirota in the Diet."

The boldness of members of the Diet in criticising the Government's financial policy receives wide attention, though the results of this criticism, except possibly for the critics themselves, are not considered likely to be important yet.—Reuter.

JAPANESE EXPLANATION OF S'HAU BAN

Shanghai, To-day.

A Japanese spokesman to-day said that transportation of goods to areas south of the Creek is banned for two days, because "some persons have taken advantage of the simplified regulations effected by the Japanese."

"This brought about irregularities making it necessary to revise regulations. Permission for free removal of foreign-owned goods, effective on and after Jan. 14, has not been respected and some persons have removed goods not belonging to them, causing great embarrassment to the legitimate owners who are filing complaints against such misconduct."—Reuter.

CHINA'S CHANGE OF AID

London, To-day.

The Geneva correspondent of "The Times," in reference to the League Council meeting on Jan. 26, says that the Chinese Government's appeal figures on the Council's agenda but it seems unlikely that the Committee of Twenty-Three will be summoned. The only concerted help which can be expected for China, says the correspondent, is humanitarian.—Reuter.

CHINESE BID TO RECAPTURE TSINING

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese are attempting to advance on Tsining from three sides.

Certain bodies of Chinese troops are said to be within ten kilometres of Tsining, which is now held by a force of about 10,000 Japanese.

North of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line yesterday all was quiet.

Fighting has recommenced south of the Railway but the positions on both sides are roughly unchanged.—Trans-Ocean.

HSU SHIH-YING DENIES NEW PEACE OFFER

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, the Chinese Consul in Osaka, and five secretaries, recalled to China, arrived in Shanghai yesterday on the "Empress of Asia" together with 80 other Chinese residents in Japan.

Mr. Hsu remained on board the liner, on which he is going to Hong Kong, and thence to Hankow by plane or rail.

Members of the Ambassador's entourage denied that the Japanese Government had given Mr. Hsu four conditions of peace comprising Japan's minimum demands for him to deliver to Hankow.—Trans-Ocean.

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When ski-jumpers met at Banff, in the Canadian Rockies they saw this young ski-er and sky wizard display perfect form in a 209 feet exhibition jump. Here he is sailing through the air. (Copyright).

ANGLO-PORTUGUESE

Strategic Problem To Be Discussed In Lisbon

London, To-day.

Discussing the task of the British naval, military and air force mission which is leaving London shortly for Portugal, the "Times" observes that the mission will have to examine jointly, with the Portuguese military authorities strategic and other problems arising out of the defensive alliance between the two countries.

This alliance, says the paper, still retains its full value, as a means of defence of common interests.

The British Empire's important sea routes to the Mediterranean and South Africa pass both the Spanish and Portuguese coasts and the South African route also passes the Portuguese islands of Madeira and Cape Verde.

The Azores are not far from the route to South America and from the proposed winter route for trans-Atlantic air traffic.

It is of the greatest importance for British interests that in the event of war all these positions should be in the hands of an allied Power.

The "Times" goes on to say that the Portuguese naval bases on the Atlantic had often proved extremely valuable for the British fleet.

COALING STATIONS

This had been notably the case during the world war when St. Vincent, on Cape Verde Islands, served as a coaling station for the British cruiser squadrons.

England, on the other hand, contributed to the defence of Portugal's coast and sea routes, thereby considerably facilitating the task of the Portuguese authorities.

EXCELLENT IMPRESSION

The "Times" then stresses that suspicions which had arisen in the course of the Spanish Civil War that Portugal intended to abandon alliance with Britain have been found to be without foundation.

The anti-Red sympathy manifested by Portugal in the Spanish war does not mean, according to the paper, termination of the alliance with Britain.

The paper recalls, in this connection, the recent statement by Dr. Salazar and proceeds to point out the excellent impression created in Portugal by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden's categorical declaration that the British Government does not intend to admit solution of the colonial problem at Portugal's expense. — Trans-Ocean.

By George McManus

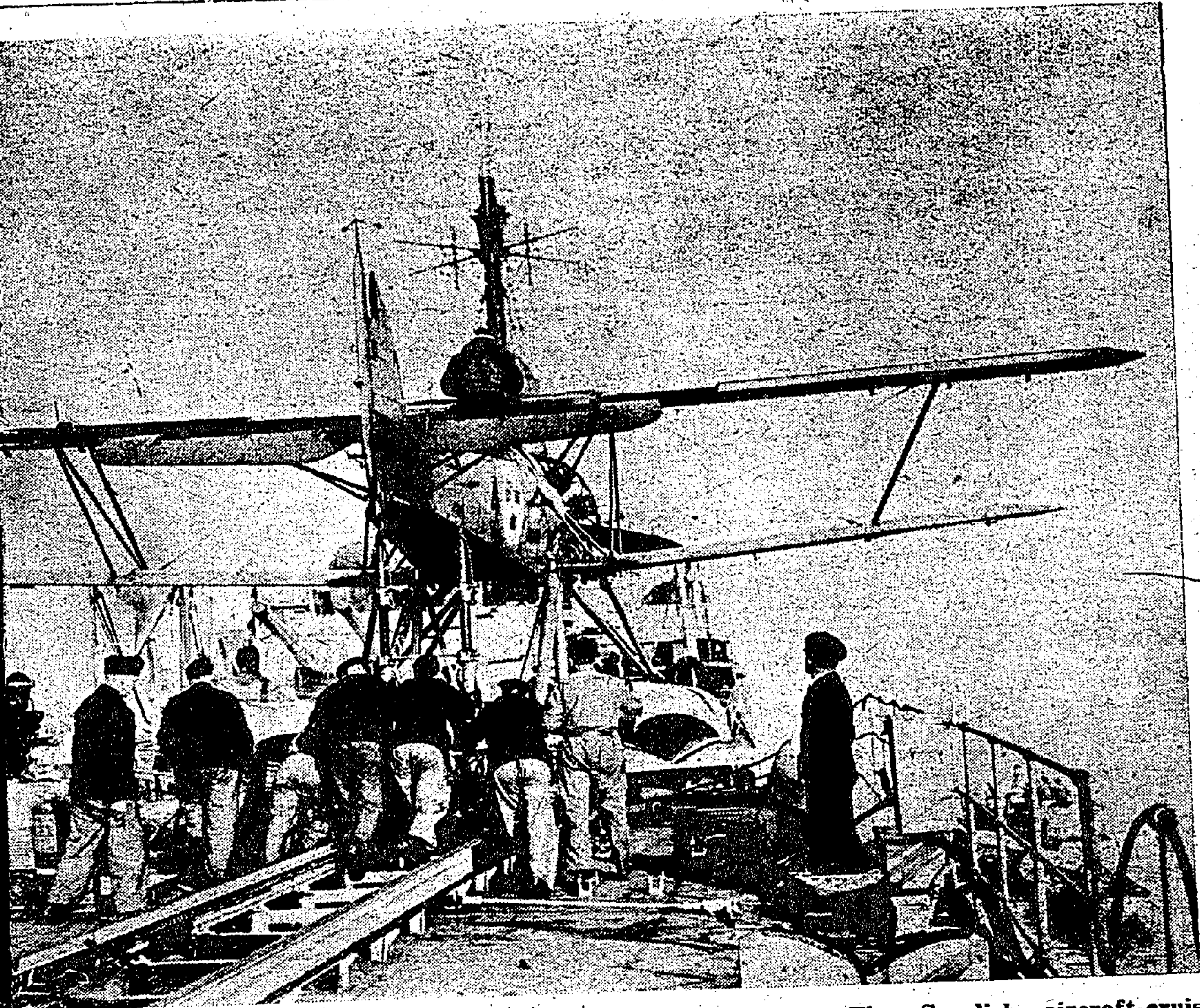


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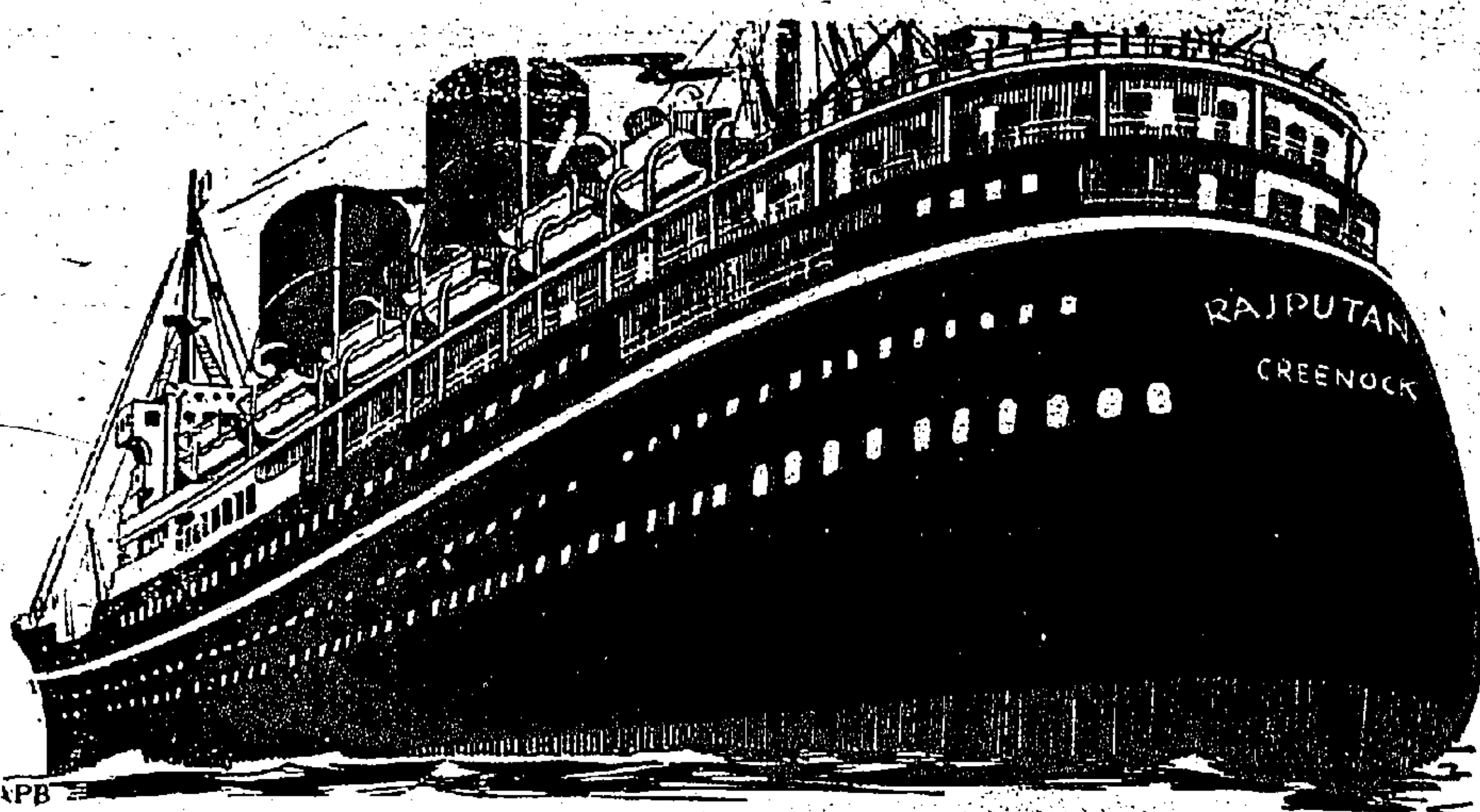
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Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd Feb.	Andre Lebon	Tues., Jan. 25.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 23rd February and London Parcels—due London 2nd March.	Memnon	Tues., Jan. 25.
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Amoy	Taiyuan	Jan. 25, 8.30 a.m.
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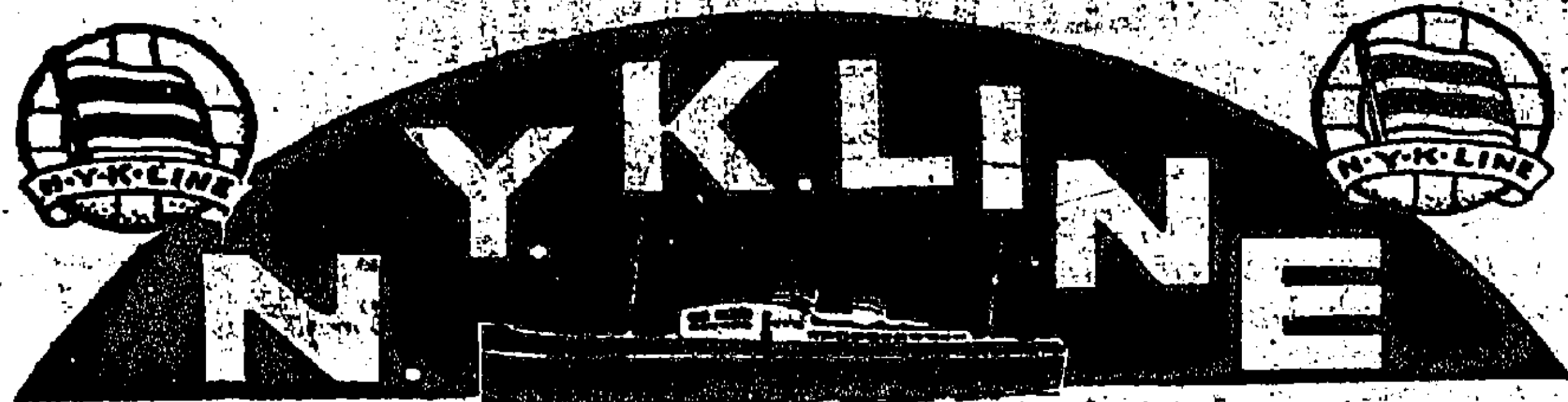
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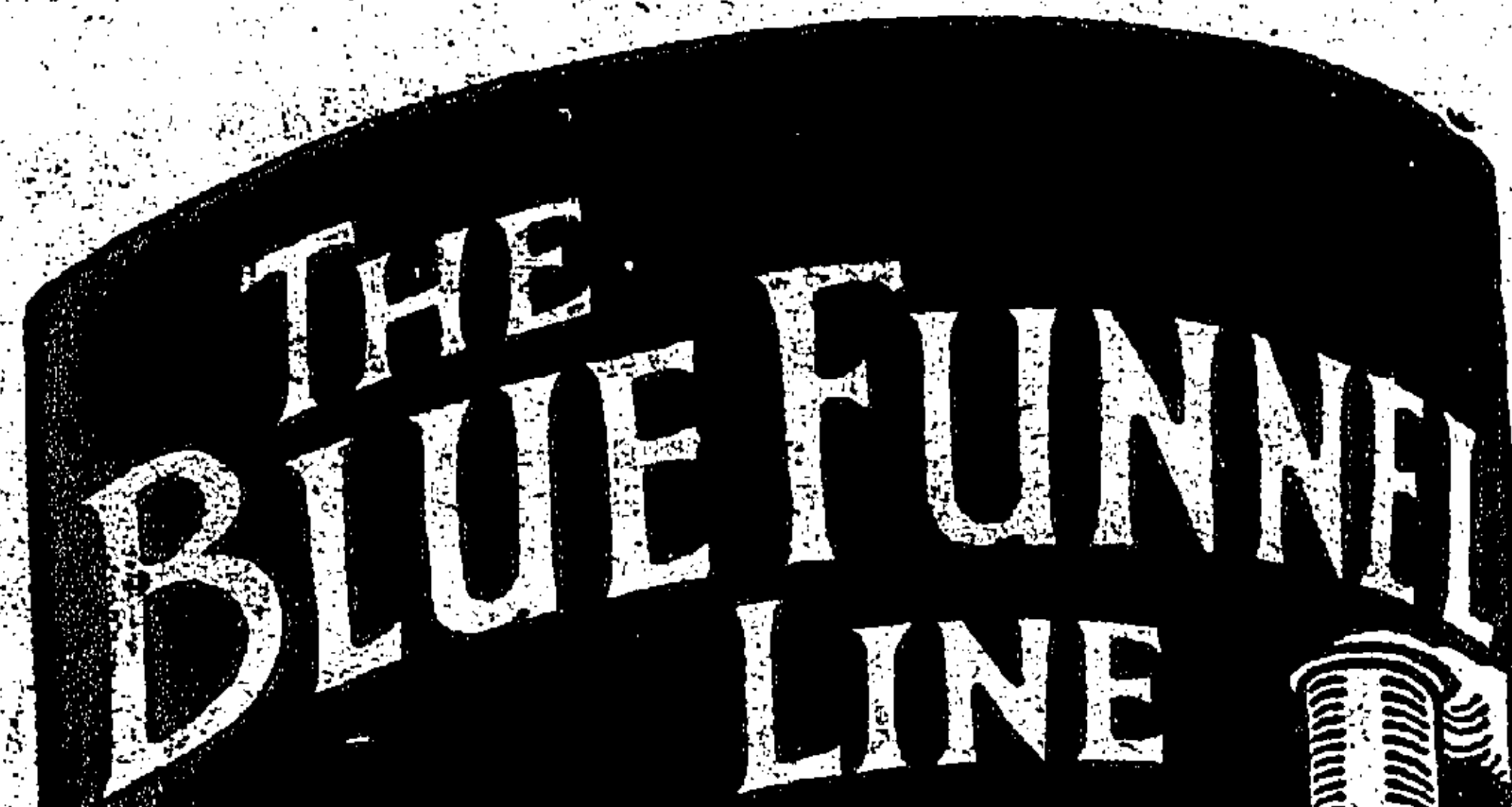
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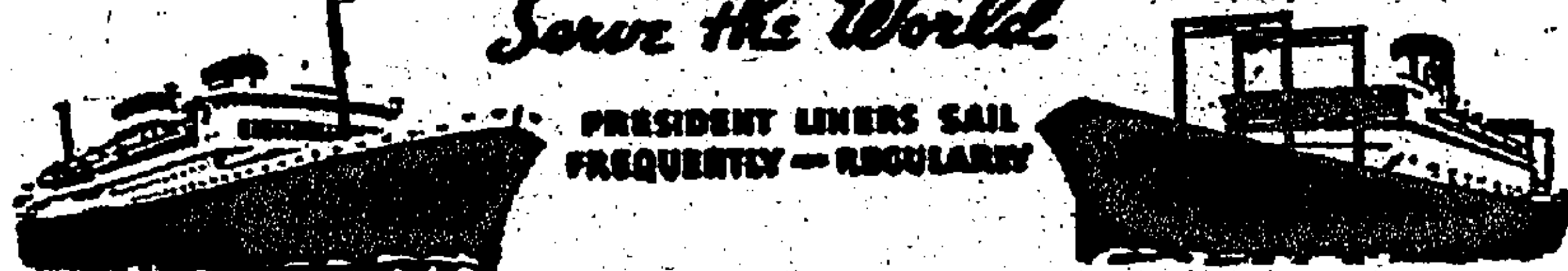
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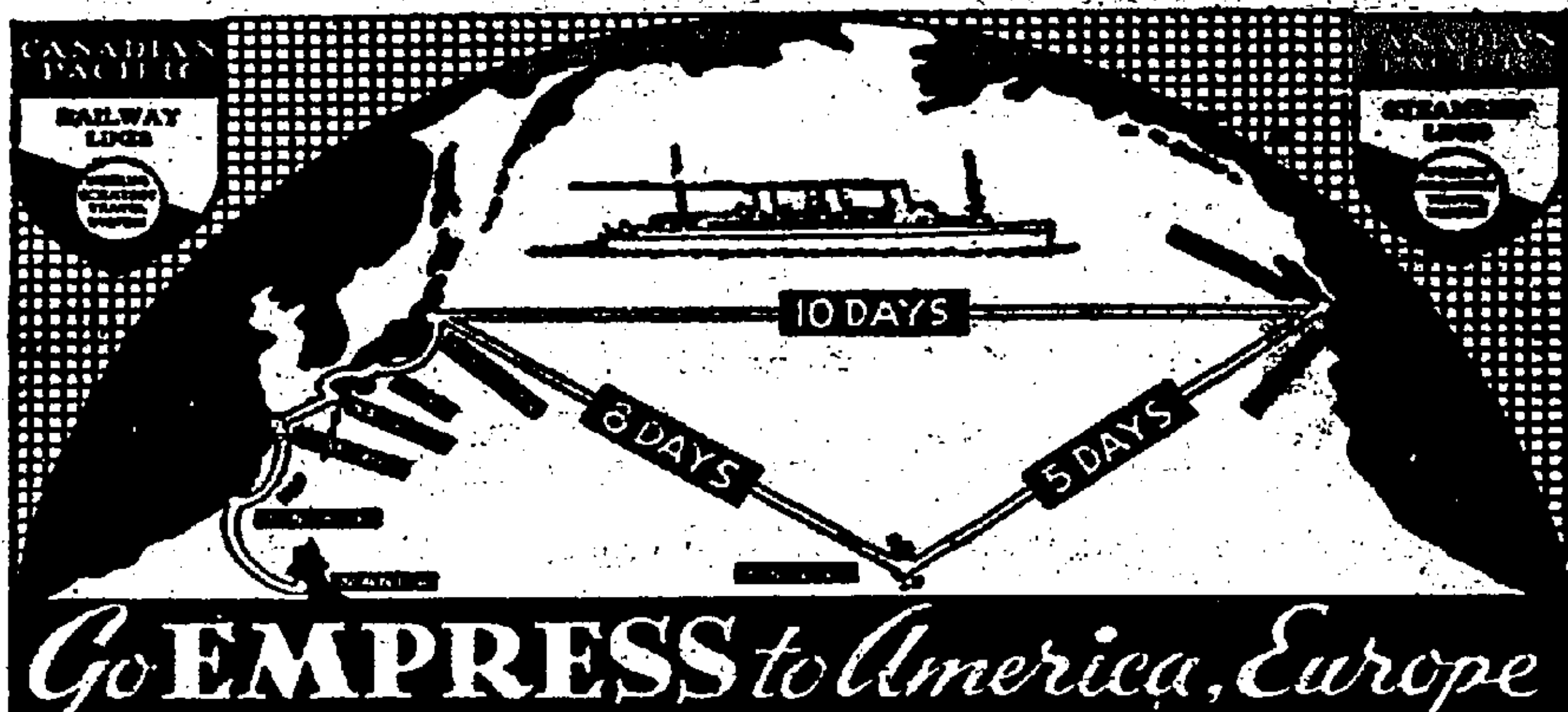
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DEATH OF FAMED SOLDIER SCULPTOR

London, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday in his 93rd year of Captain Adrian Jones, the well-known sculptor.—Reuter.

Adrian Jones served for 23 years in the Army, in the 3rd Hussars, Queen's Bays and 2nd Life Guards. He saw active service in the Abyssinian War of 1868, the Boer War of 1881 and in the Nile Expedition.

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MOSCOW CONSULAR PARITY CLAIM

London, To-day.

In connection with British consular representation in Russia, it was stated in official circles in London yesterday that recent practice has been that one of the First Secretaries at the British Embassy in Moscow has been permitted by the United Kingdom Government to perform consular functions there, largely for the convenience of the Soviet authorities since, for some years, there has been no British Consul in Moscow.

That authority has now been withdrawn by His Majesty's Government so that at present the only British Consul functioning in Russia is at Leningrad.

This means that all Consular enquiries which been previously addressed to Moscow must now go to Leningrad. The arrangement, however, is without prejudice to any final decision that may be reached following the announcement of the Soviet Government that they desire to establish a basis of parity for Consular representation.—British Wireless.

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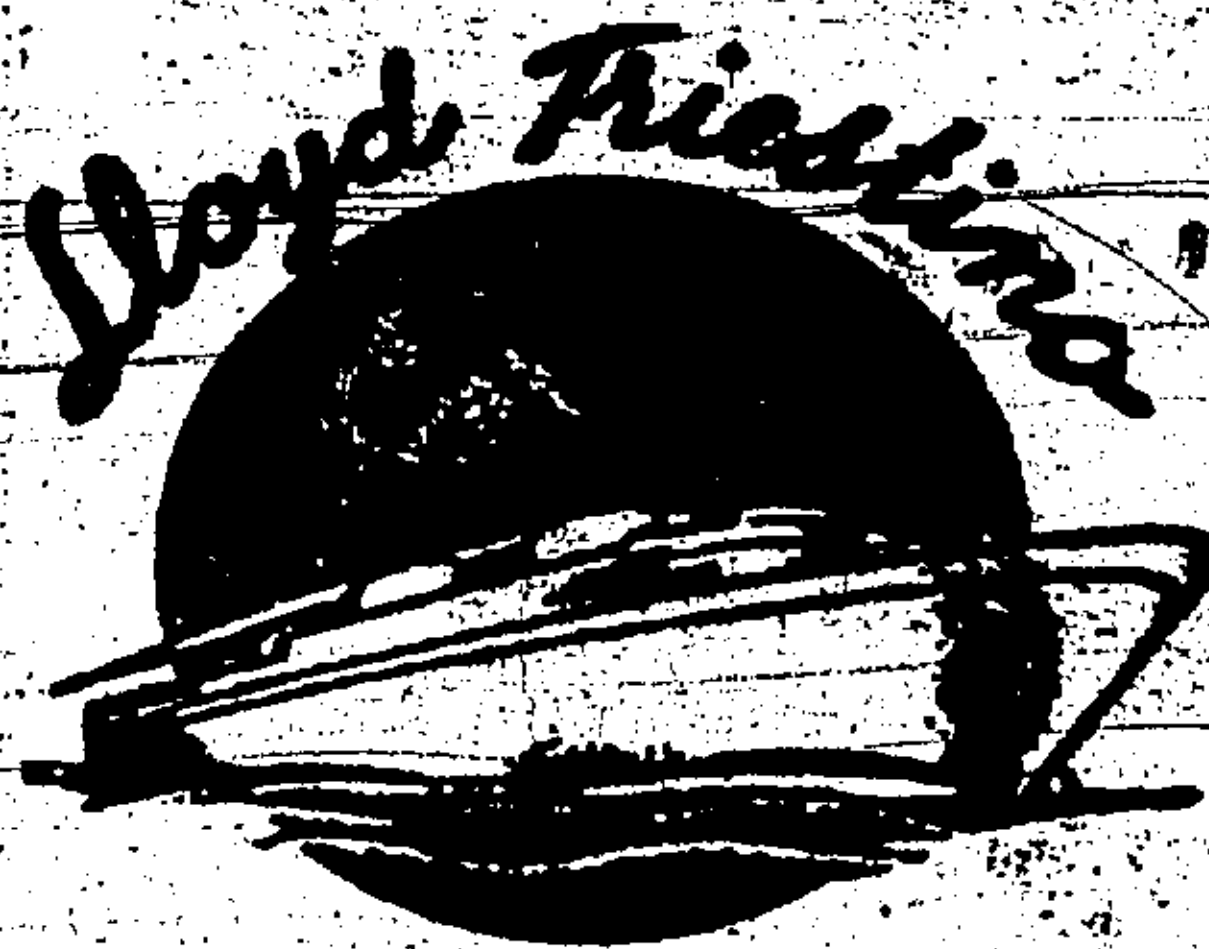
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BOMBAY STOCK MARKET PANIC: CLOSURE ORDER

Bombay, To-day.
The Bombay Stock Exchange will probably close until the end of February, according to the wishes of most of the directors, following the panic.

"The Times of India," in a leader yesterday, stated that the difficulties experienced by the Exchange were due to the action of brokers doing most of their business with insufficient margin.

The paper added that as most business was of a speculative character, the authorities should devise measures to restrain speculation.—Reuter.

Countries Placed Into Categories

Budapest, To-day.
"Germany does not place all foreign countries in one category," declared the chief of the Nazi foreign organisation, Wilhelm Bohle, in a speech before the Hungarian Foreign Policy Association here yesterday.

Nazi Germany, he said, recognised three groups of foreign countries.

Those which were outspokenly antipathetic to Germany, Those with whom Germany maintains normal relations, and Those with whom Germany has particularly close and friendly relations.

NOT MILITARISTIC

Herr Bohle defended German organisations in foreign countries, pointing to other nations, including Britain, who maintained similar bodies.

Herr Bohle declared: "We are a militarily efficient people, of whose capability we are justly proud, but we are not militaristic in the sense of conquest."—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank \$1480 b., \$1500 s.	
Bank of East Asia \$82 b.	
INSURANCES	
Union Ins. \$502 b., \$507 s.	
China Underwriters \$1.40 b.	
SHIPPING	
Douglases \$57 b.	
H. K. Steamboats \$11 b., \$11 sa.	
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H. K. and K. Wharves \$115 b.	
H. K. and W. Docks \$28 b.	
Providents (Old) \$24 b.	
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Antamoks Ps. 53 sa.	
Atoks Ps. 24 sa.	
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Demonstrations Ps. .39% sa.	
I. K. L. Ps. .62 sa.	
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .20 sa.	
San Mauricio Ps. .51 sa.	
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .18 sa.	
United Paracales Ps. .46% sa.	
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. and S. Hotels \$5.45 sa.	
Humphreys \$8% b.	
H. K. Realities \$4.35 b.	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways \$14.45 b., \$14.45/50 sa.	
Peak Trams (Old) \$6% b.	

PUBLIC WORKS BORROWINGS IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.
Public bodies were authorised by the Minister of Health to borrow £22,231,605 for capital expenditure during the final quarter of 1937—an increase of over £2,750,000 on the amount authorised in the same quarter of 1936.

Housing continues to be the most important item for which local authorities borrow money and nearly £20,000,000 was sanctioned for this purpose.

Large sums have also been authorised for the provision of new and better schools.

The present National Fitness Campaign gives special interest to loans authorised for the erection of gymnasiums and swimming pools and for the purchase of land for playing fields amounting to over £860,000. Other interesting sanctions are those for the purchase of land at Brentwood for London's Green Belt and at Crewe for a new aerodrome.—British Wireless.

GROWTH OF MOTOR TRAFFIC IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.
A road vehicles census for the final quarter of last year gives new information, based on representative samples from four typical areas.

This information relates to the age of licensed vehicles and the general indication is that about one third of the vehicles in use were five years old or over.

The number of private cars licensed totalled 1,798,105, representing an increase of 103 per cent. over the figure for 1928 and comparing with 1,642,850 in the final quarter of 1936.

The most notable increase was in light cars of the 10 horse-power class. New registrations for the whole of 1937 numbered 436,269, an increase of 36,930 over 1936.—British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20 and forward at 19-13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.9978 and the New York on London rate \$-U.S.\$4.99-13/16.

Peak Trams (New) \$3% s.
Star Ferries \$86 b.
Yaumati Ferries \$24 b.
China Lights (Old) \$10% b.
China Lights (New) \$7.35 b.
H. K. Electrics \$53% b.
Telephones (Old) \$28.80 b.
Telephones (New) \$3% b.

INDUSTRIALS

Canton Ices \$1.70 s.
Cements \$13.35/40 sa.
H. K. Ropes \$4% b.
Dairy Farms \$25 b.
COTTON MILLS
Ewo Cottons Sh.\$10.55/11 sa.
Shanghai Cottons Sh.\$58 b., \$58 sa.
MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$5.90 b.
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WILL THERE BE HOCKEY INTERPORT?



Mrs. J. Lunson, captain of the H. K. Ladies' Hockey Club, receiving the Pearce Seven-A-Side Hockey Trophy from Mrs. T. E. Pearce, the donor, while Miss F. Marsh and Miss A. Fowler (extreme left) Vice-President of the Association, look on. ("Mail" photo).

STRIKING SHOTS

(By "STICKS")

Macao Hockey Club scored another win last Sunday when they beat a depleted European "Y" team by 3 goals to 1 in a fast, but very scrappy encounter.

The "Y" had great hopes—previous to the match—of beating their Portuguese rivals, but were badly let down by three players, C. Altung and H. H. Mueller, among the forwards, failing to make an appearance on the Macao boat, while Land, who was asked to fill Austen's vacancy at left-half, was also an absentee.

This resulted in three of the vacancies being filled by Macao players, who did extremely well under the circumstances.

MACAO'S POOR FORM THIS SEASON, THEY DREW WITH THE "Y" IN THE FIRST GAME, LOST TO THE H.K. POLICE AND ONLY MANAGED TO BEAT A DEPLETED "Y" TEAM BY 3 GOALS TO 1—LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT LIEUT. DA COSTA'S ABSENCE FROM THE PORTUGUESE ISLAND IS THE MAIN REASON, AND WHAT THEY REALLY LACK IS A DRIVING FORCE.

There is no further news of prospects of a Ladies Interport hockey encounter, although I hear from an unofficial source that there will be no match this season.

Judging from the enthusiasm displayed and by the large gathering of spectators from all communities, the Inter-Section Tournament, which concluded last Sunday with a win for the Rajputana Rifles over the K.I.T.C., has proved most popular.

The game was very fast, but as I stated in yesterday's editions, very scrappy and dangerous in the second-half, when over-zealousness in tackling led to frayed tempers which the Umpires could have curbed at an earlier stage had they penalised the slicing or under-cutting which was then prevalent.



J. M. Pinto, above, on recent form for the K.I.T.C., should secure an Interport trial as Possibles' centre-half.

I am more than convinced that Pyara Singh will not lead the Colony attack following his display for the K.I.T.C. against the Rajputana Rifles last Sunday. He displayed brilliant stickwork and at times ran circles round the Rajput players, but he made little progress on these occasions and threw the rest of his attack into disorder.

Pritam Nath, on the other hand, gave a fine display, in the Rajputana Rifles' attack, and swung the ball to the right and left wingers with perfect ease and accuracy, believing in making the best of his wingers, and his efforts were rewarded.

A word about the selection of the K.I.T.C. team. I believe I am right in stating that they were representing the Civilian champions, but did not, in my estimation, turn out their best side. Noronha did not deserve his place at right-half anymore than Iqbal Singh deserved his at left-wing, although the latter played against the 8th Destroyer Flotilla. Maybe the K.I.T.C. do not possess a better left-winger, but they certainly have a better right-half!

The Central British Association are going from success to success, and last Sunday morning added another scalp to their belt when they defeated the Kumaon Rifles' Battalion team by 3 goals to 2, although they were fielding several reserves.

George Fowler, Sydney Fowler and R. Smith netted for the C.B.A., while Partab was responsible for both goals for the Kumaons. David Blake was given a very trying time at right-half for the winners against Partab and Co. while Harry Millington acquitted himself excellently in goal.

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EVERYTHING IS IN THE AIR AND MACAO HAVE NOT REPLIED

TIME TRIALS WERE ON THEIR WAY

MY PROBABLE AND POSSIBLE TEAMS AS A GUIDE FOR SELECTORS

(By "STICKS")

IS there going to be an Interport? What has Macao said in reply to our invitation? I hear that Shanghai contemplate sending a team to the Colony next month, is that correct? What about Malaya's visit here during the first week in March?

All these questions were recently fired at me by a number of hockey players and enthusiasts on the hockey field, but when I replied that I could not answer them and, that if anybody could, it was the Secretary of the H.K.H.A., their faces fell. I tried hard yesterday to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, but was unable to.

Things are beginning to look black regarding the prospects of an Interport, despite my enthusiasm about a probable Malayan visit some weeks ago and a contemporary's outburst about Shanghai, but like all good things they die a natural death and a quick one.

I would like to point out, however, that because Macao have not yet replied to our invitation, and that the visits of teams from Shanghai and Malaya are very much in the air, the Association should proceed to hold Interport trials. It will work up some enthusiasm, and if the Interport or Interports do materialise, the teams to meet any visitors will have already been selected. I hope!

I realise that there are several local tournaments including the International series which must be completed, but there is also time to hold trials right away, selecting the Probable and Possible teams on current form displayed in friendly and tournament games.

Two Teams

I have witnessed the majority of the more important games during the past two months and give the names of players, who in my opinion, deserve trial recognition, at the same time suggesting Probable and Possible teams:

PROBABLES
K. RAMZAN (K.I.T.C.)
R. L. WALLACE (Y.M.C.A.)
E. L. GOSANO (RECREIO)
A. G. COX (Y.M.C.A.)
W. A. REED (CLUB)
M. R. MALIK (K.I.T.C.)
S. A. FOWLER (CLUB)
T. S. D. WHITLEY (CLUB)
LT. PRITAM NATH (RAJPUTS)
U. KRAUS (Y.M.C.A.)
PARTAB (KUMAONS)

POSSIBLES
V. M. BENWELL (CLUB)
G. GROGAN (MIDDLESEX)
L. B. A. E. P. GUEST (RADIO)
R. H. J. GONSALVES (RECREIO)
C. H. J. M. PINTO (K.I.T.C.)
L. H. W. A. LAND (R. ENGINEERS)
R. W. KHUDA BUX (H.K.S.R.A.)
I. R. LT. SAVAL KHAN (RAJPUTS)
C. F. PYARA SINGH (K.I.T.C.)
I. L. GURBACHAN SINGH (RADIO)
O. L. V. BOND (CLUB)

I could go into reams and reams of paper in describing how and why the players I have selected for Probables and Possibles should be given a trial, but those enthusiasts who have seen most of the more important matches, will bear with me in my selections, which are so obvious.

"Sticks" Badly

Many will disagree with me in my selection in the Probable team, of Whitley, for the inside right

berth, and wanting to know why I had broken up that splendid partnership of Pritam Nath and Saval Khan.

The latter's type of hockey may be ideally suited to inter-unit tournaments, but I doubt very much whether he would get away with "sticks" in an Interport match.

In Danger

If I'm a good judge of form, Wallace and Guest, both of whom usually fill the right-back berth, are in danger of being dropped in favour of Grogan, of the Middlesex, who has proved consistently good and on whom the selectors should keep a keen eye!

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A. P. Souza, above, former left-winger for K.I.T.C., is now occupying the inside-right berth.

BLUNDER IN 7-A-SIDE SERIES!

UMPIRE'S WRONG
RULING

SCHOOL PERFECT SITE FOR THE INTERPORT?

(By "STICKS")

The outstanding event during the past week in Ladies' hockey was the annual Seven-A-Side Tournament for the Pearce Cup, which was retained by the holders, the Hong Kong Ladies, who had to put up a stiff fight against the Central British Schoolgirls before they eventually triumphed.

Like every other sport there is always a bone of contention and on Saturday players in several of the games complained bitterly of the standard of umpiring, and in fact two of the games were ruined because the officiating umpire was playing to ordinary rules regarding the off-side infringement instead of playing to the official ruling which states.

IN THE "OFFSIDE" RULE THERE MUST BE TWO OPPONENTS BETWEEN THE ATTACKING SIDE AND THE GOAL.

"HATS OFF"

Hats off to Miss B. Pope, who despite being in the Veteran stage, gave a wonderful performance for the winners against the youthful Schoolgirls in the final round.

The Schoolgirls are to be congratulated on reaching the final by beating St. Andrew's Ladies by a solitary goal. They played the game for the game's sake and a victory for them would have been a most popular one.

Miss Iris Woolley still retains her dash of former days and her winning goal against the "Y" team was a deserving one.

Seven-A-Side hockey has retained its popularity and as a means of providing exercise and entertainment, there is none better. Further, the Association are to be congratulated on securing permission from the School to hold the series on probably the best location in the Colony. What a perfect site for an Interport where a proper gate could be taken!

WILL THERE BE HOCKEY INTERPORT?

(Continued from Page 18)

A G. Cox, of the Y.M.C.A. and Signals, gave a wonderful display in Macao and until his finger injury some weeks ago, was among the first three half-backs in the Colony including Willy Reed. Malik is more or less assured of his berth at left-half, while Sydney Fowler is by far our best right-winger.

Inside-Left Problem

The inside-left berth will prove a difficult one to fill and here again I feel that as good a player as Pyara Singh is, he will not meet the case unless he eliminates that over-indulgence in "stick-work" and settles down to some combination play.

Partab is like Fowler, our best left-winger in spite of Victor Bond's entertaining displays for the Club in the Triangular Tournament. I

STRIKING SHOTS

(Continued from Page 18)

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE FOWLER FAMILY IS FAST COMING INTO THE PUBLIC EYE. I REFER TO ERNIE FOWLER, WHO AGAIN PERFORMED EXTRAORDINARILY WELL AT LEFT-HALF, FOR THE C.B.A. COMPLETELY BREAKING UP THE KUMAON MOVEMENTS ON THEIR RIGHT-FLANK, AND LENDING VALUABLE SUPPORT TO HIS FORWARDS. I SUGGEST THE COLONY SELECTORS KEEP HIM IN MIND, AS THERE IS NOTHING I LIKE MORE THAN TO ENCOURAGE THE YOUNGER GENERATION AND HE IS DEFINITELY WORTH ENCOURAGING.

While on the subject of the C.B.A. it is worthy of note that yesterday was the first occasion on which their players were invited to play for the Combined United Hockey Tournament team, in spite of the fact that they have been the outstanding team during the past month!

Chan Kam-fui, the United custodian against the Hong Kong Club last Wednesday, is definitely a discovery, but he is not quite mature for the Interport series. He has a good eye for a kicking clearance, but we have not yet seen him block a shot with his stick!

By far the best product in the United Hockey Tournament is Grogan, of the Middlesex, who is in direct line for Interport honours as a full-back. He has a pleasing action on the field, anticipates practically every opposition move and does not clear wildly.

The following team will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Rajutana Rifles on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m. to-morrow:

V. M. Benwell, R. L. Wallace and E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed and J. E. Potter; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Bickford and V. Bond.

On behalf of Men's and Ladies' hockey circles, I would like to extend to Mrs. "Jock" Gardner, our deepest sympathy in her recent loss. "Jock" was a fine sportsman and, besides playing hockey for the European "Y," was also one of the leading lights in the former Fire Brigade Badminton team, now known as the Free Lances.

The Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Club will hold their Tenth Annual Dance at the Peninsula Hotel next Friday, January 28, from 9.15 p.m. till 2 a.m.

It is interesting to see what the Association propose doing about trials?



A thrilling moment in last Saturday's Governor's Cup soccer match, between the H.K.F.A. and the H. K. C. A. A. F., which the latter won by the odd goal in three, showing Chan Tak-fai about to score the second goal for the Chinese, with Rowlands (extreme left) coming out to meet him, and with "Sonny" Bliss anxiously watching the next move from the background. ("Mail" photo).

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

University And "Y"
Win Easily

Of the three matches in the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League which were scheduled for last night, only two were played off, the encounter between Recreio "A" and Recreio "B" being postponed.

On the mainland, St. Andrew's entertained the University "A" combination, and, as was expected, were overwhelmed by eight games to one.

King's College were guests to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at Bridges Street, and were beaten by seven games to two.

The following are the results of the two games:

KING'S COLLEGE TROUTED

Frederick Koh and Y. C. Au (Y.M.C.A.).

beat H. N. Chung and T. Lam 21-14
beat K. H. Lo and John Pau 21-5
beat H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui 21-8

S. Y. Hon and K. Koh (Y.M.C.A.).
beat Chung and Lam 21-6
lost to Lo and Pau 18-21
lost to Woo and Lui 16-21

P. H. Wong and A. Chong (Y.M.C.A.).
beat Chung and Lam 21-7
beat Lo and Pau 21-10
beat Woo and Lui 21-3

ST. ANDREW'S DEFEATED BY UNIVERSITY

H. Kew and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's).

lost to P. K. Chan and P. K. Hui 12-21
beat C. O. Lee and C. H. Soon 21-17
lost to K. S. Lieu and T. F. Yong 16-21

VICTORIA FAIL AGAINST N.S. WALES

Sydney, To-day.

Victoria are in a bad position in their Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales.

Scores: N. S. W. 371

Victoria 78 for 5.—Reuter.

The challengers to Benny Lynch, of Glasgow, the world's fly-weight champion, grow numerically. Tiny Bostock, of Hanley, has been holding the stage for a spell, and he has now been joined by T. Whalley, of Hanley, and again by Peter Kane, of Galborne, who was knocked out by Lynch in his last fight in defence of his titles.

F. A. Broadbridge and F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's).
lost to Chan and Hui 21-23
lost to Lee and Soon 12-21
lost to Lieu and Yong 20-24

E. F. Fincher and E. H. P. White (St. Andrew's).
lost to Chan and Hui 16-21
lost to Lee and Soon 13-21
lost to Lieu and Yong 7-21

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J. L. Anderson and M. Honey (Free Lances).
beat Weill and Kirby 21-15
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VON CRAMM DELIGHTS BRISBANE

DEFEATS MCGRATH IN STRAIGHT SETS

GERMAN'S PRAISE FOR COURTS

Sydney, December 23.

RECORD crowds attended Milton Courts (Brisbane), to witness the international matches between J. Crawford and V. B. McGrath, of Australia, and the visiting German, G. von Cramm and H. Henkel.

The last doubles rubber was unfinished. A conference was held to determine the winner of the series. Australia was declared the winner at the score of 3 rubbers 9 sets 93 games to 2 rubbers 8 sets 95 games.

The Germans declare that the Milton courts are among the most perfect they have played on. Very high praise indeed.

Von Cramm was highly delighted with his play in Brisbane, and shortly after arrival in Sydney he told me he expected to almost be at his best for the matches against Bromwich and Quist.

NOT TOO WELL

The rousing matches in Queensland, he said, would do them a great deal of good, particularly "Henner" (meaning Henkel, of course), who did not "hit them too well up there!"

When one considers the extremely humid conditions that prevailed during most of the matches, and the entirely foreign conditions that confronted the frail von Cramm, coupled with the fact that he was only two days off the boat prior to the start of the matches, it is amazing that he could produce such high-class tennis to defeat McGrath and Crawford.

Von Cramm defeated McGrath in straight sets 6-2, 6-4.

HIGH KICKING

McGrath was greatly troubled by von Cramm's fast first service, while the German's severe high kicking second delivery frequently brought short defensive returns, or errors from the Australian's racket, as he tried to force the pace.

Such a high standard of play, with such little practice could hardly continue. So with McGrath spasmodically displaying his best tennis, and bustling the German with a net attack, many points went to the Australian, as von Cramm failed with his ground strokes.

The German's errors plus flashes of McGrath's best tennis,

DOUBLE CENTURY BY HARDSTAFF

Madras, To-day.

Lord Tennyson's XI yesterday topped the 400 mark in their match against Madras and declared, Hardstaff, of Notts, scoring a double century.

Scores: Tennyson's XI: 448 for 8 declared (Hardstaff 213).

Madras: 237 for 7.—Reuter.

MILLWALL TROUNCE NOTTS COUNTY

London, To-day.

In the Third Division (South), of the English Football League, Millwall trounced Notts County by five clear goals at home.—Reuter.

The Empire Swimming Championships are to be decided in the North Sydney Olympic pond which is 55 yards long and 25 yards wide with a maximum depth of 17½ feet. There is accommodation for 4000 spectators.

Dr. Marshall, famous Scottish footballer, has not yet taken advantage of his permit to play for West Ham without payment.

saw the Australian streak away to a 4-1 lead, but at this stage Von Cramm again got control of his fierce service and ground strokes, and giving a most impressive exhibition he took the next five games to win the set and match, being greatly aided by indifferent stroking of McGrath.



Another scene from the Governor's Cup soccer game last Saturday, showing Chan Tak-fai (right, in black jersey) slipping the ball past Costa who has come up behind up to tackle, to Lai Shiu-wing (centre), who is coming up to meet it, while Bliss looks on in the background. ("Mail" photo).

SCOTTISH CUP 2ND ROUND DRAW

CELTIC AT HOME

London, Yesterday.

The following is the draw for the Second Round of the Scottish Cup which will be played on or before February 12.

Aberdeen v. St. Johnstone or Arbroath.

St. Bernard's v. King's Park. Stranraer or Partick v. Cowdenbeath.

Lambert Amateurs v. Morton. Stenhousemuir v. Motherwell.

East Fife v. Dundee United. Celtic v. Nithsdale.

Raith v. Edinburgh.

Rangers v. Queen O'South. Queen's Park v. Ayr.

Falkirk v. St. Mirren.

Hamilton v. Forfar.

Ross County v. Albion R.

Kilmarnock drew a bye.

—Reuter.

F.A. CUP FIFTH ROUND DRAW

Arsenal To Meet Preston

London, Jan. 24.

Following is the draw for the fifth round of the F. A. Cup, to be played on February 12:

York v. Middlesbrough.

Luton v. Manchester C.

Charlton v. Aston Villa.

Arsenal v. Preston.

Sunderland v. Bradford or Stoke.

Brentford v. Barnsley or Manchester U.

Sheffield U. or Liverpool v. Huddersfield.

Chesterfield v. New Brighton or Tottenham.—Reuter.

FASTEST!— 100 IN 34 MINUTES

NEW AUSTRALIAN RECORD

Sydney, December 23.

The rivalry between Sydney first-grade batsmen for fastest century of the season is providing fireworks in batting not seen for many years.

J. Minter, the Balmain colt, set figures against Manly not likely to be eclipsed. He got his century in 34 minutes, and 141 in an hour and ten minutes!

Going in to bat on the first Saturday at 5.46, he had twelve minutes and made 27 before stumps were drawn. Going in again at 2.1 on Saturday last, he finished at 2.59. His first 50 were made in 18 minutes and the second 50 in 14 minutes.

Minter's scoring strokes were: 1 1 1 1 4 4 1 3 1 2 1 1 2 4 4 1 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 1 2 1 1 6 4 4 1 4 1 1 1 4 1 2 4 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 4 1 1 1 2 4 1 3.

CONSECUTIVE STROKES

Five of the fours were made in consecutive strokes in one over off Carr-Boyd. For these facts I am indebted to the Balmain scorer, Mr. G. Mennie.

Minter was very successful in the interstate junior carnival last season. Coming into the Balmain first eleven half-way through the campaign, his best innings were 53, 56 and 74.

Prior to Saturday last he had not picked up his best form. But the Village bowling (W. Gaggie absent) gave him the inspiration.

A right-hander, he is generally busy picking up the runs on either side of the wicket by neat strokes.

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Tam Glen (arr. Stephen & Burnett).
Jean Day (Soprano).
Hieland Laddie.
New Mayfair Orchestra.
The Auld Hoose (Nairne).
Star o' Robbie Burns (Booth).
Peter Dawson.
Bonnie Scotland.
New Mayfair Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
"Bow Bells"—Selection.
New Mayfair Orchestra.
"Over She Goes"—Selection.
The Saville Theatre Orch. with Adele Dixon.

1.19 p.m.—Military Band Music.
"Vanity Fair"—Overture.
B.B.C. Military Band.

Sambre et Meuse—March.
Entry of the Gladiators—March.
Massed Bands of the Aldershot Command.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast & Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Speech from the Rotary Club Tiffin.

Speaker—Mrs. L. Dunbar.
Subject—"The International Womens Club."

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—Dance Music.

Tango—Caramba.

Slow Foxtrot—Gypsy Violin.
Mantovani & His Tipica Orch.

Quickstep—
On the Isle of Kitchymiboko.
Tango—My Lost Love.
Henry Jacques with his Orch.

Foxtrots—
Ridin' Up The River Road.
The Simple Things in Life.
Mario Lorenzi & his Rhythmic.
Foxtrot—Love, Please Stay.
Waltz—One Kiss in a Million.
Henry Jacques & His Orch.
I Give My Heart.
The East Waltz.....The Cavaliers.
7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Wrap Me up in my Tarpaulin Jacket.
The Lancashire Poacher.....Harold Williams & the B.B.C. Male Chorus.
Fourth Form at St. Michaels.
Will Hay & His Scholars.
Darling, Je Vous aime Beaucoup.
For Me, For You....Hildegard with Carroll Gibbons & his Boy Friends.
At The Close of a long long Day.
A Melody from the Sky....Les Allen & His Canadian Bachelors.
The Phantom of a Song (Henry Hall).
Radio Times—Foxtrot.
The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Elvie Yuen (Soprano) & The Very Rev. Fr. Riganti.

1. (a) Impatience (Schubert).
(b) The Quail Cry (Schubert).
(c) All Souls' Day (Strauss).
Elvie Yuen.

2. (a) Melody from Chants du Voyageur (Paderewski).
(b) Tarantella in A Minor (Plezonka).....Fr. Riganti.

3. (a) Non la Sospiri (Tosca).
(b) Vissi d'Arte, Vissi d'Amore (Tosca).....Elvie Yuen.

8.25 p.m.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Carmen"—
March of the Smugglers.
Soldiers changing the Guard.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt).

8.42 p.m.—Mozart—Quartet in F Major—played by the Budapest String Quartet.

9.07 p.m.—Light Opera.

"Paganini"—Vocal Gems.
Light Opera Company.
The Maid of the Mountains.
London Palladium Orchestra.
"The Arcadians"—
The Pipes of Pan.
Arcady is Ever Young.
Winnie Melville.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Scottish Music.

O Sing to Me The Old Scotch Songs.
Joseph Hislop (Tenor).
Always Take Care of Your Pennies.
It's A Roon the Toon.
Sir Harry Lauder.

My Ain Folk.
Mary Kay (Contralto).
MacGregor's Gathering.
Bonnie Wee Thing.
Joseph Hislop (Tenor).

10.10 p.m.—Burns' Night Dinner Speech. Sir Atholl MacGregor introduces.

10.15 p.m.—His Excellency The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote.

10.40 p.m.—London Relay—A Recital of Burns' Songs.

Ye Banks and Brass.
John Anderson, My Joe.
Braw Braw Lads.
O Whistle and I'll Come to You.
My Heart is Sair.
Ca' the Yowes to the Knowes.
A Rosebud by my Early Walk.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Stupid Play

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: Do expert players, such as you and I, always arrive at the best possible contract on every bridge hand? Did you ever hold a cold, laydown, ironclad grand slam in no trump, with 150 aces, and play the hand at six hearts? Well, I did, and here is the hand:

"South, dealer.

"Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—K 10 8 6
H.—K 10 8
D.—Q 5 4
C.—6 4 2

WEST

S.—9 5 3
H.—6 4 2
D.—10 9 6
C.—K Q 10 7

EAST

S.—J 4 2
H.—5 3
D.—J 8 3 2
C.—J 9 8 5

SOUTH

S.—A Q 7
H.—A Q J 9 7
D.—A K 7
C.—A 3

"South, your stupid correspondent, dealt the hand and opened the bidding with two hearts. North responded with three hearts. I then bid four no trump. North called five hearts; South, five no trump; North, six hearts, and then East, West, North, and I, and three kibitzers, all seven of us, passed. The spade suit broke favourably, so you see, by extremely careful and clever play, I took 13 tricks.

"Of course the inevitable argument followed. My little partner looked me over with an accusing eye. I replied to this obvious (although unvoiced) criticism by some A1 glaring of my own. One of our mutual opponents, who holds a master's degree in the silly pastime, assumed the part of conciliator,

much on the order of Gov. Murphy of Michigan. That is to say, I was the automobile industry and my partner was the C.I.O. He observed that my four no trump bid was bad; that instead I should have called five no trump to show four aces. I replied (I always reply) that my four no trump bid without the king of hearts positively did show three aces and that the subsequent five no trump showed the fourth ace, and that with three or four possible losers in my hand I didn't feel like going into the slam hell-bent for election.

"Give us your sincere and studied opinion on the problem, Mr. Culbertson, and all four of us, as well as the wise kibitzers, then will decide whether you really know your stuff or not.

"Yours very truly,

"M.P.C., Starkweather, N.D."

Why is it that bridge players get into such hectic arguments over contracts they "should have reached," when, as a matter of fact, the contract they were actually in was the correct one?

On a double-dummy basis, which is to say if North and South could look at each other's hand, they would have to fear a grand slam. The chance of running the spade suit without loss (that the jack would drop, or a sure finessing position be revealed) which was vital to the success of a grand slam contract, is slightly less than two to one. This is a good chance, but not quite good enough. When a small slam is cold and a grand slam in question, there should be fully three to one odds in favour of the higher contract.

There was nothing wrong with the bidding of either player, and it followed as the night the day that there was nothing wrong with the final contract. I can, of course, understand that the kibitzers were contemptuous, because it is a well-known fact that kibitzers are the greediest breed on earth.

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SUDDEN CHINESE RAID ON WUHU AERODROME

Shanghai, To-day.
Chinese guerillas have harassed Japanese troops to an extraordinary degree in the last few days in the territory round Wuhu, west of Lake Tai and south of Nan-king.

The Japanese were about to carry out "mopping up" operations in this district when Wuhu aerodrome, occupied by the Japanese, was bombed by Chinese planes on Sunday.

According to Japanese reports, five Chinese planes dropped bombs on the airfield, but Chinese reports state that ten planes took part in the raid.

Aerodrome buildings were set on fire and eight planes destroyed, says an unconfirmed report.—Trans-Ocean.

ROOSEVELT CALLS FOR AID TO CHINA'S REFUGEES

Washington, To-day.

An appeal to the nation to contribute \$1,000,000 to help suffering civilians in China, is made by President Roosevelt in a letter to the American Red Cross.

The President states: "I feel that our people are deeply sympathetic for those in need in this situation," and recalls that the Japanese Red Cross declared that their resources are adequate to deal with Japanese needs.—Reuter.

TRUTH ABOUT PEIPING'S "PUPPET" GOVERNMENT

(Continued from Page 1)

tion from the hands of men they regard as aliens.

The "government" does not even exercise control over those parts of China in Japanese hands, because it does not contain delegates from

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Shanghai, and its scope does not extend to other districts in which the campaign is being carried on.

FINANCIAL CRISIS

Another serious obstacle which the "government" is apparently unable to cope with is the financial crisis, since trade and industry in North China have practically come to a standstill.

The correspondent concludes with the prophecy: "The new 'government' has months of serious anxiety before it."—Trans-Ocean.

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DEATH

GARDNER.—At the French Hospital at 9.10 p.m. on January 24, 1938, John Gardner, beloved husband of Sybil Gardner (nee Dalziel) at the age of 33. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. Shanghai papers please copy.

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